



**BUSINESS ITEM**

Amendments to the Articles of Operation

### **Notice of Amending the Articles of Operation**

**In the essence of time during the Virtual Business Session, only the *Proposed Wording* and the *Revised Wording* shall be read. Where the *Proposed Wording* and the *Revised Wording* are exactly the same, only the *Revised Wording* shall be read. All attendees are encouraged to read the *Present Wording* to be knowledgeable for voting on the amendments to the Articles of Operation.**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF OPERATION**  
**SPRING 2020**

**Article III: Membership**

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
Article III – Representation and Participation at Biennial Session	Article III – Members	Article III – Members
<p>The National Convocation is a member of the whole Body of Christ, every person who is or shall become a member of a recognized predominantly African American congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) thus holding membership in the region in which that congregation resides and in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The National Convocation shall provide a Biennial Session, convening on even-numbered years, for the purpose of inspiration, education and transformational opportunities. Membership in the Biennial Session of the National Convocation is recognized by presence, participation and payment of the registration fee by the members of the Christian Church (DOC).</p>	<p><del>The National Convocation is a member of the whole Body of Christ, every person who is or shall become a member of a recognized predominantly African American congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) thus holding membership in the region in which that congregation resides and in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The National Convocation shall provide a Biennial Session, convening on even-numbered years, for the purpose of inspiration, education and transformational opportunities.</del> Membership in the Biennial Session of the National Convocation is recognized by presence, participation and payment of the Biennial Session registration fee by members of the Christian Church <del>(DOC)</del> <i>(Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.</i></p>	<p>The National Convocation of the Christian Church is a member of the whole Body of Christ, every African American person and African American congregation who is recognized by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada shall be a member of the National Convocation of the Christian Church.</p> <p>Members shall have the right to vote on business brought before the assembly during the Biennial Session of the National Convocation of the Christian Church. This right is recognized by presence, participation, and payment of the Biennial Session registration fee.</p>

*Rationale*

Article III renamed in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR).

Individual membership(s) is in the Biennial Session that is sponsored by The National Convocation of the Christian Church (NCCC).

Struck out (deleted) words as indicated by strike outs.

## Article IV: Officers

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
Article IV: The Board of Trustees of the National Convocation	Article IV: OFFICERS	Article IV: OFFICERS
<p>The Board of Trustees of the National Convocation shall be composed of fifteen (25) members including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Administrative Secretary (ex-officio without vote);</li> <li>b. The four (4) Executive Officers;</li> <li>c. The eight (8) Members At-Large from the National Convocation</li> <li>d. The General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada (ex-officio without vote);</li> <li>e. The President of Disciples Home Mission (ex-officio without vote)</li> </ul> <p>A Representative from the Fellowship Groups <b>may</b> be present and participate in the activities of the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation. The Fellowship Groups include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Youth Fellowship</li> <li>b. The Young Adult Fellowship</li> <li>c. The Disciples Women</li> <li>d. The Disciples Men</li> <li>e. The Ministers Wives and Husbands Fellowship</li> <li>f. The Fellowship of Disciples Clergy Women</li> <li>g. The Ministers Fellowship</li> </ul> <p>The three (3) Merger Staff serving Disciples Home Mission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation and Assistant to the President (ex-officio with vote)</li> </ul>	<p><i>SECTION 1: Elected Officers</i></p> <p>Officers shall be elected by the Biennial Session to serve a term of two years. (See Addendum for policy on replacement or removal of an officer).</p> <p>Officers of the National Convocation Board of Trustees shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall appoint a parliamentarian to advise the President during Board Meetings and Business Sessions during the Biennial Session of the National Convocation.</p> <p>The President and Vice President shall be elected biennially (every two years), becoming ex-officio of the Board of Trustees, one year prior to installation. The Immediate-Past President shall become an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees for one year after serving as President.</p> <p>The President shall preside at Board Meetings, Business Sessions of the Biennial Session, and the Executive Committee meetings. The President shall serve as a member and President of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President and as Program Chairperson of the Biennial Session of the National Convocation. The Vice President shall serve as a member and Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the Business Session of the Biennial Session of the</p>	<p><i>SECTION 1: Elected Officers</i></p> <p>Officers shall be elected by the Biennial Session to serve a term of two years. (See Addendum for policy on replacement or removal of an officer).</p> <p>Officers of the National Convocation Board of Trustees shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The President shall appoint a parliamentarian to advise the President during Board Meetings and Business Sessions during the Biennial Session of the National Convocation.</p> <p>The President and Vice President shall be elected biennially (every two years), becoming ex-officio of the Board of Trustees, one year prior to installation. The Immediate-Past President shall become an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees for one year after serving as President.</p> <p>The President shall preside at Board Meetings, Business Sessions of the Biennial Session, and the Executive Committee meetings. The President shall serve as a member and President of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President and as Program Chairperson of the Biennial Session of the National Convocation. The Vice President shall serve as a member and Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the Business Session of the Biennial Session of the National Convocation, the Board of Trustee meetings and the</p>

<p>b. The Minister of Evangelism and the Executive for Congregational Transformation (ex-officio without vote)</p> <p>c. The Program Director for Disciples Women (ex-officio without vote)</p> <p>The Board of Trustees of the National Convocation shall be responsible for the general administration of the National Convocation; hear, define and discuss pertinent issues pertaining to the African American Church and Community; appoint persons to and serve on the Standing Committees; work to carry out the mission of the National Convocation and receive reports from the Administrative Secretary and EX-Officio officers of the Board.</p>	<p>National Convocation, the Board of Trustee meetings and the Executive Committee meetings. The Secretary shall serve as a member and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Treasurer shall monitor the budget in accord with the policies established by the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation. The Treasurer shall issue receipts for all monies received, keep an accurate account of receipts, disbursements and financial transactions during the Biennial Session of the National Convocation. The Treasurer shall give bond in a responsible fidelity company in such an amount as the National Convocation deems necessary, the premium being paid by the National Convocation. The Treasurer shall serve as a member and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>An Officer shall be a person who has given reasonable evidence of Christian discipleship and effective Church-wide leadership and responsibility as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An active member in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada or affiliated with the National Convocation.</li> <li>b. Supportive of Christian mission in the district, region, and general church with special relevance to the purpose and priorities of the National Convocation.</li> <li>c. An individual with good Christian character and principles.</li> </ul> <p><i>SECTION 2: The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Nominating Committee shall recommend to each Biennial Session the following:</li> </ul>	<p>Executive Committee meetings. The Secretary shall serve as a member and Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Treasurer shall monitor the budget in accord with the policies established by the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation. The Treasurer shall issue receipts for all monies received, keep an accurate account of receipts, disbursements and financial transactions during the Biennial Session of the National Convocation. The Treasurer shall give bond in a responsible fidelity company in such an amount as the National Convocation deems necessary, the premium being paid by the National Convocation. The Treasurer shall serve as a member and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>An Officer shall be a person who has given reasonable evidence of Christian discipleship and effective Church-wide leadership and responsibility as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. An active member in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada or affiliated with the National Convocation.</li> <li>b. Supportive of Christian mission in the district, region, and general church with special relevance to the purpose and priorities of the National Convocation.</li> <li>c. An individual with good Christian character and principles.</li> </ul> <p><i>SECTION 2: The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Nominating Committee shall recommend to each Biennial Session the following: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four (4) Members At-Large, and seven (7) Fellowship Group Representatives.</li> </ul>
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	<p>President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, four (4) Members At-Large, and seven (7) Fellowship Group Representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. The term of office for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years.</li> <li>c. Persons being recommended for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must have served as a Trustee or Fellowship Group Representative of the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation or meets criteria of experience accepted by the Board.</li> <li>d. The term of office for the seven (7) Fellowship Group Representatives shall be for two years with a Representative elected or re-elected each biennium by their respective Fellowship Group.</li> <li>e. The Administrative Secretary, General Minister and President and the President of Disciples Home Missions shall be added to the slate by virtue of their office.</li> <li>f. All recommendations shall include the name, address, and the title of the person being recommended, including specific rationale for the recommendation and the specific office for which the recommendation is made.</li> <li>g. The Board of Trustees shall communicate by letter with each person being recommended to determine the readiness of the person to serve.</li> <li>h. All elected terms of office shall begin at the adjournment of the National Convocation's Biennial Session following the General Assembly at which their election took place.</li> <li>i. All elected Members At-Large and Fellowship Group Representatives of the Board of Trustees will begin their term at the adjournment of the Biennial Session at which they were elected. Members At-Large of the National Convocation elected to a four-year term, will be nominated to the General</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. The term of office for the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years.</li> <li>c. Persons being recommended for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer must have served as a Trustee or Fellowship Group Representative of the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation or meets criteria of experience accepted by the Board.</li> <li>d. The term of office for the seven (7) Fellowship Group Representatives shall be for two years with a Representative elected or re-elected each biennium by their respective Fellowship Group.</li> <li>e. The Administrative Secretary, General Minister and President and the President of Disciples Home Missions shall be added to the slate by virtue of their office.</li> <li>f. All recommendations shall include the name, address, and the title of the person being recommended, including specific rationale for the recommendation and the specific office for which the recommendation is made.</li> <li>g. The Board of Trustees shall communicate by letter with each person being recommended to determine the readiness of the person to serve.</li> <li>h. All elected terms of office shall begin at the adjournment of the National Convocation's Biennial Session following the General Assembly at which their election took place.</li> <li>i. All elected Members At-Large and Fellowship Group Representatives of the Board of Trustees will begin their term at the adjournment of the Biennial Session at which they were elected. Members At-Large of the National Convocation elected to a four-year term, will be nominated to the General Assembly for election as the Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</li> </ul>
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	<p>Assembly for election as the Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>j. Recommendations for Representatives from the seven (7) Fellowship Groups of the Board of Trustees, shall be made by the following groups: Youth Fellowship, Young Adult Fellowship, Disciples Women, Disciples Men, Ministers Wives and Husbands Fellowship, Fellowship of Clergy Women and Black Ministers Fellowship.</p> <p>All nominees will be presented to the Business Session of the Biennial Session for election. Should the Biennial Session not accept the Fellowship Group's recommendation, nominations may be made from the floor and must be of persons within the membership of the Fellowship Group whose nomination was not accepted.</p>	<p>j. Recommendations for Representatives from the seven (7) Fellowship Groups of the Board of Trustees, shall be made by the following groups: Youth Fellowship, Young Adult Fellowship, Disciples Women, Disciples Men, Ministers Wives and Husbands Fellowship, Fellowship of Clergy Women and Black Ministers Fellowship.</p> <p>All nominees will be presented to the Business Session of the Biennial Session for election. Should the Biennial Session not accept the Fellowship Group's recommendation, nominations may be made from the floor and must be of persons within the membership of the Fellowship Group whose nomination was not accepted.</p>
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Rationale

- Article IV renamed in accordance with RONR, the parliamentary authority.
- The following Articles pertaining to Officers were *inserted*:
  - Article VIII: Nominating Process
  - Article X: Officers
  - Article: XII: Criteria & Quality of Officers

## Article V: Meetings

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
Article V: The Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention	Article V: Meetings	Article V: Meetings
The four (4) Executive Officers, eight (8) Members At-Large, Administrative Secretary, General Minister and President, and the President of Disciples Home Mission shall be nominated by the National Convocation to the General Assembly for election as members of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention.	The National Convocation shall meet biennially, beginning in 1970 at such time and place as may be fixed at the Biennial Session of the National Convocation or by the Executive Committee. Notice of the Biennial Session of the National Convocation shall be given to networks of the Office of Communication of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), social media, publications from the National Convocation and traditional mail.	The National Convocation shall meet biennially, beginning in 1970 at such time and place as may be fixed at the Biennial Session of the National Convocation or by the Executive Committee. Notice of the Biennial Session of the National Convocation shall be given to networks of the Office of Communication of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), social media, publications from the National Convocation and traditional mail.

### Rationale

- Article V renamed in accordance with RONR, the parliamentary authority
- *Inserted* Article XIII: Meetings
- Article V: The Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention *Inserted* in Article VI: Trustees



## Article VI: Trustees

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
Article VI – The Representatives of the Fellowship Groups	Article VI: Trustees	Article VI: Trustees
<p>The Representatives of the Fellowship Groups shall serve as associate members on the Board of Trustees. They may fully participate in the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation.</p>	<p>The Board of Trustees of the National Convocation shall be responsible for the general administration of the National Convocation; hear, define and discuss pertinent issues pertaining to the African American Church and Community; appoint persons to and serve on the Standing Committees; work to carry out the mission of the National Convocation and receive reports from the Administrative Secretary and Ex-Officio officers of the Board.</p> <p><i>Section 1:</i> The Board of Trustees of the National Convocation shall be composed of twenty-five (25) members including Merger Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The four (4) Officers</li> <li>b. The eight (8) Members At-Large</li> <li>c. The seven (7) Representatives of the Fellowship Groups</li> <li>d. The General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada (Ex-Officio without vote)</li> <li>e. The President of the Disciples Home Missions (Ex-Officio without vote)</li> <li>f. The Administrative Secretary (Ex-Officio without vote)</li> </ul> <p><i>Section 2:</i> The Three (3) Merger Staff serving Disciples Home Missions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation (Ex-Officio without vote)</li> </ul>	<p>The Board of Trustees of the National Convocation shall be responsible for the general administration of the National Convocation; hear, define and discuss pertinent issues pertaining to the African American Church and Community; appoint persons to and serve on the Standing Committees; work to carry out the mission of the National Convocation and receive reports from the Administrative Secretary and Ex-Officio officers of the Board.</p> <p><i>Section 1:</i> The Board of Trustees of the National Convocation shall be composed of twenty-five (25) members including Merger Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The four (4) Officers</li> <li>b. The eight (8) Members At-Large</li> <li>c. The seven (7) Representatives of the Fellowship Groups</li> <li>d. The General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada (Ex-Officio without vote)</li> <li>e. The President of the Disciples Home Missions (Ex-Officio without vote)</li> <li>f. The Administrative Secretary (Ex-Officio without vote)</li> </ul> <p><i>Section 2:</i> The Three (3) Merger Staff serving Disciples Home Missions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Director of Christian Education and Faith Formation (Ex-Officio without vote)</li> </ul>

	<p>b. The Minister of Evangelism and Executive for Congregational Transformation (Ex-Officio without vote)</p> <p>c. The Program Director for Disciples Women (Ex-Officio without vote)</p> <p><i>Section 3:</i> The four (4) Officers, eight (8) members At-Large, Administrative Secretary, General Minister and President, and President of Disciples Home Missions shall be nominated by the National Convocation to the General Assembly for election as members of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees shall meet annually in early December. It shall also convene immediately following the Biennial Session of the National Convocation to on-board the new Board Members, to conduct officer transitions and vision casting for the next biennium.</p>	<p>b. The Minister of Evangelism and Executive for Congregational Transformation (Ex-Officio without vote)</p> <p>c. The Program Director for Disciples Women (Ex-Officio without vote)</p> <p><i>Section 3:</i> The four (4) Officers, eight (8) members At-Large, Administrative Secretary, General Minister and President, and President of Disciples Home Missions shall be nominated by the National Convocation to the General Assembly for election as members of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees shall meet annually in early December. It shall also convene immediately following the Biennial Session of the National Convocation to on-board the new Board Members, to conduct officer transitions and vision casting for the next biennium.</p>
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*Rationale*

Article VI renamed in accordance with RONR, the parliamentary authority.

*Inserted* Article XIV Trustee Meetings

*Inserted* Article IV - Composition of Board, Representatives of Fellowship Groups, Merger staff

Article IV: The Representatives of the Fellowship Groups *inserted* as Section 1. c

## Article VII: Executive Committee

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
Article VII: Executive Committee	Article VII: Executive Committee	Article VII: Executive Committee
<p>The Executive Committee shall be composed of the four (4) executive officers, The Administrative Secretary and the General Minister and President. The Executive Committee shall arrange for the Biennial Session of the National Convocation, making use of the regular program planning channels of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and appointing such committees as are necessary to fulfill the purposes of the National Convocation.</p>	<p><i>Section 1:</i> The Executive Committee shall be composed of the four (4) executive officers, The Administrative Secretary and the General Minister and President. The Executive Committee shall arrange for the Biennial Session of the National Convocation, making use of the regular program planning channels of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and appointing such committees as are necessary to fulfill the purposes of the National Convocation.</p> <p><i>Section 2: The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Administrative Secretary or the President, after notification or consultation with one another, at such time and place designated with a two-week or five-day notice for an electronic meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The President shall call an Executive Committee meeting at the:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a. Request of the three (3) Executive Committee members, or</i></li> <li><i>b. Request of the eight (8) Trustees</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Section 1:</i> The Executive Committee shall be composed of the four (4) executive officers, The Administrative Secretary and the General Minister and President. The Executive Committee shall arrange for the Biennial Session of the National Convocation, making use of the regular program planning channels of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and appointing such committees as are necessary to fulfill the purposes of the National Convocation.</p> <p><i>Section 2: The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Administrative Secretary or the President, after notification or consultation with one another, at such time and place designated with a two-week or five-day notice for an electronic meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The President shall call an Executive Committee meeting at the:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a. Request of the three (3) Executive Committee members, or</i></li> <li><i>b. Request of the eight (8) Trustees</i></li> </ul>

### Rationale

Inserted the words *Section 1* before the first paragraph.

Added *Section 2* that includes the right of the Administrative Secretary and/or President to call an Executive Committee meeting

## Article VIII: Administrative Secretary

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
Article VIII: The Nominating Process	Article VIII: Administrative Secretary	Article VIII: Administrative Secretary
<p>The Nominating Committee, appointed by the President of the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation, shall recommend to each Biennial Session the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, four (4) Members At-Large, and seven (7) Fellowship Group Representatives. The term of office for the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years. Persons being recommended for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer must have served at least a four-year term as a Trustee or Fellowship Group member of the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation or meets criteria of experience and participation accepted by the Board. The term of office for the seven (7) Fellowship Group Representatives shall be for two years with a representative elected each biennium by their respective Fellowship Group. The Administrative Secretary, General Minister and President, and the President of Disciples Home Mission shall be added to the slate by virtue of their office.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. All recommendations shall include the name, address, and the title of the person being recommended, including specific rationale for the recommendation and the specific office for which the recommendation is made.</li> <li>b. The Board of Trustees shall communicate by letter with each person being recommended to determine the readiness of the person to serve. If elected, and where necessary, further</li> </ol>	<p>The Administrative Secretary shall be a member of the Senior Staff of the Office of General Minister and President, serving as Associate General Minister, and shall perform those duties which are assigned or normally pertain to such an office.</p> <p>The Administrative Secretary shall serve on all committees, boards and commissions of the National Convocation, and bear the administrative responsibility for developing consultations with regions and other structural configurations so that structures, programs and services are effective for Black congregations.</p> <p>The Administrative Secretary shall serve as a member and Corporate Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation and shall maintain custody of the corporate seal.</p> <p>The Administrative Secretary shall be responsible for developing consultative procedures designed to provide adequate and effective structures, programs and services for Black congregations in the various general ministries and regions of the church.</p>	<p>The Administrative Secretary shall be a member of the Senior Staff of the Office of General Minister and President, serving as Associate General Minister, and shall perform those duties which are assigned or normally pertain to such an office.</p> <p>The Administrative Secretary shall serve on all committees, boards and commissions of the National Convocation, and bear the administrative responsibility for developing consultations with regions and other structural configurations so that structures, programs and services are effective for Black congregations.</p> <p>The Administrative Secretary shall serve as a member and Corporate Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation and shall maintain custody of the corporate seal.</p> <p>The Administrative Secretary shall be responsible for developing consultative procedures designed to provide adequate and effective structures, programs and services for Black congregations in the various general ministries and regions of the church.</p>

<p>information concerning the person will be secured.</p> <p>c. All elected terms of office shall begin at the adjournment of National Convocation's Biennial Session following the assembly at which their election took place.</p> <p>d. All elected Members At-Large and Fellowship Group Representatives of the Board of Trustees will begin their term of office at the adjournment of the Biennial Session at which they were elected. Members At-Large of the National Convocation elected to a four-year term will be nominated to the General Assembly for election as the Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention.</p> <p>e. Recommendations for a Representative from the seven (7) Fellowship Groups of the Board of Trustees, shall be made by the following groups: Youth Fellowship, Young Adult Fellowship, Disciples Women, Disciples Men, Minister Wives and Husbands Fellowship, Fellowship of Clergy Women and the Ministers Fellowship.</p> <p>All nominees will be presented to the Business Session of the Biennial Session for election. Should the Biennial Session not accept the Fellowship Group's recommendation, nominations may be made from the floor and must be of persons within the membership of the Fellowship Group whose nomination was not accepted.</p>		
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Article VIII renamed in accordance with RONR

*Inserted* Article XI: The Administrative Secretary

*Inserted* Article VIII: The Nominating Process under Article IV: Officers

## Article IX: Business

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
Article IX – Issues Considered at the Biennial Session	ARTICLE IX: Business	ARTICLE IX: Business
<p>Issues to be considered at the Biennial Session by the National Convocation shall be presented by the Board of any recognized congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and related to the National Convocation, or over the signature of not less than ten persons, each a person being from different congregations recognized by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and related to the National Convocation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Issue statements shall be in the office of the Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation ninety (90) days prior to the Biennial Session.</li> <li>b. Issue statements shall be transmitted to the Biennial Session upon the action of the Board of Trustees which shall transmit the business item as received; together, with the Board of trustees' recommended action including possible amendments.</li> <li>c. Issue statements acted upon by the Biennial Session shall be referred to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation and the Administrative Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for information and for action in business session where appropriate.</li> <li>d. Emergency issue statements shall be <i>handled</i> by the Board of Trustees, the Board having the power to</li> </ol>	<p><i>Business</i> issues to be considered at the Biennial Session by the National Convocation shall be presented by the Board of any recognized congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and related to the National Convocation over the signatures of <i>not less than</i> ten persons with each person being from different congregations recognized by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and related to the National Convocation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Issue statements shall be in the office of the Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation ninety (90) days prior to the Biennial Session.</li> <li>b. Issue statements shall be transmitted to the Biennial Session upon action of the Board of Trustees which shall transmit the business item as received; together, with the Board of Trustees' recommended action including possible amendments 30 days before the start of the Biennial Session to all registrants.</li> <li>c. Issue statements positively acted upon by the Biennial Session shall be referred to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation and the Administrative Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for information and for action in business session where appropriate.</li> </ol>	<p><i>Business</i> issues to be considered at the Biennial Session by the National Convocation shall be presented by the Board of any recognized congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and related to the National Convocation over the signatures of ten persons with each person being from different congregations recognized by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and related to the National Convocation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Issue statements shall be in the office of the Administrative Secretary of the National Convocation ninety (90) days prior to the Biennial Session.</li> <li>b. Issue statements shall be transmitted to the Biennial Session upon action of the Board of Trustees which shall transmit the business item as received; together, with the Board of Trustees' recommended action including possible amendments 30 days before the start of the Biennial Session to all registrants.</li> <li>c. Issue statements positively acted upon by the Biennial Session shall be referred to the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation and the Administrative Committee of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for information and for action in business session where appropriate.</li> </ol>

<p>determine if the issue is an emergency, including questions of timeliness, concerns emerging from the church, national and world situations not apparent ninety (90) days before the Biennial Session. Such emergency items shall be signed by not less than ten persons who are members of ten different congregations recognized by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and related to the National Convocation.</p>	<p>d. Emergency issue statements <i>shall be handled by</i> <del>submitted to</del> the Board of Trustees. The Board having power to determine if the issue is an emergency, including questions of timelines, concerns emerging from the church, national and world situations not apparent ninety (90) days before the Biennial Session. Such emergency items shall be signed by <del>not less than</del> ten persons who are members of ten <del>different</del> congregations recognized by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and related to the National Convocation.</p>	<p>d. Emergency issue statements shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees. The Board having power to determine if the issue is an emergency, including questions of timelines, concerns emerging from the church, national and world situations not apparent ninety (90) days before the Biennial Session. Such emergency items shall be signed by ten persons who are members of ten congregations recognized by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and related to the National Convocation.</p>
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*Rationale*

Article IX: renamed Business

*Inserted* and struck out (deleted) words as shown

## Article X: Electronic Meetings

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
Article X: Officers	Article X: Electronic Meetings	Article X: Electronic Meetings
<p>The executive officers of the Board of Trustees shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Either the President or the Vice President shall be a woman. The President shall appoint a parliamentarian to advise the President during the Board Meetings and business sessions during Biennial Sessions of the National Convocation.</p> <p>The President and Vice President shall be elected biennially (every two years), becoming ex-officio of the Board of Trustees, one year prior to installation. The Immediate-Past President shall become an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees for one year after serving as President.</p> <p>The President shall preside at Board Meetings, Business Sessions of the Biennial Session, and Executive Committee meetings. The President shall serve as a member and President of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, perform the duties of the President and as Program Chairperson of the Biennial Session of the National Convocation. The Vice President shall serve as a member and Vice President of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the business sessions of the Biennial Session of the National Convocation, the Board of Trustee meetings, and the Executive Committee meetings. The Secretary shall serve as a member and</p>	<p>Electronic Meetings are authorized for use by the Board of Trustees and when feasible, the Biennial Session. All electronic meeting votes pertaining to important business items and funds shall be taken by a roll-call vote or electronic registration.</p>	<p>Electronic Meetings are authorized for use by the Board of Trustees and when feasible, the Biennial Session. All electronic meeting votes pertaining to important business items and funds shall be taken by a roll-call vote or electronic registration.</p>



<p>Secretary of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p> <p>The Treasurer shall monitor the budget in accord with the policies established by the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation. The Treasurer shall issue receipts for all monies received, keep an accurate account of receipts, disbursements and financial transactions during the Biennial Session of the National Convocation. The Treasurer shall give bond in a responsible fidelity company in such an amount as the National Convocation deems necessary, the premium being paid by the National Convocation. The Treasurer shall serve as a member and Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the National Christian Missionary Convention Corporation.</p>		
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*Rationale*

Article X renamed Electronic Meetings

Article X: Officers *inserted* in Article IV: Officers

## Article XI: Parliamentary Authority

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
Article XVI – Parliamentary Procedure	Article XI: Parliamentary Authority	Article XI: Parliamentary Authority
<i>ROBERT’S RULE OF ORDER, REVISED</i> , shall govern proceedings of the National Convocation.	Robert’s Rules of Order, <i>Newly Revised</i> , shall govern the proceedings of the National Convocation <i>of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada</i> .	Robert’s Rules of Order, <i>Newly Revised</i> , shall govern the proceedings of the National Convocation <i>of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada</i> .

### Rationale

*Article XVI – Renamed Article XI: Parliamentary Authority*

*Inserted Newly* -before Revised. The correct title is Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly Revised. Using the correct title allows NCCC to use the correct edition without amending the Articles of Operation each time a new edition is published.

## Article XII: Amendments to the Articles of Operation

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
Article XVII: Amendments	Article XII: Amendments <i>of Articles of Operation</i>	Article XII: Amendments <i>of Articles of Operation</i>
The Articles of Operation may be amended at any regular gathering of the Biennial Session of the National Convocation by two-thirds vote of members present and voting, provided such amendments have been presented to the National Convocation at least twenty-four hours prior to voting and read before the body at least three times before action is taken.	The Articles of Operation may be amended at any regular gathering of the Biennial Session of the National Convocation by two-thirds vote of members present and voting, <del>provided such amendments have been presented to the National Convocation at least twenty-four hours prior to voting and read before the body at least three times before action is taken.</del> All amendments shall be provided in writing and or electronically to registrants at least twenty-four hours prior to voting and read before the body at least two times before the vote is taken.	The Articles of Operation may be amended at any regular gathering of the Biennial Session of the National Convocation by two-thirds vote of members present and voting. All amendments shall be provided in writing and or electronically to registrants least twenty-four hours prior to voting and read before the body at least two times before the vote is taken.

### Rationale

Article XVII: Amendments renamed XII: Amendments to the Articles of Operation

*Inserted* wording to include the process of how registrants receive proposed amendments and *inserted* a new number of times the amendment(s) must be read to the body before the vote. Struck out (deleted) words where indicated with strike outs.

**Addendum**

Present Wording	ADDENDUM	ADDENDUM
NONE	POLICY FOR REPLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS	POLICY FOR REPLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF OFFICERS
	<p>In the event, a Board Officer, due to circumstances beyond their control, is unable to complete their term of office, a replacement for them shall be selected by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>In the event, a Board Officer does not fulfill the duties and expectations of an officer in attendance, participation, committee assignments or behaves in a manner detrimental to the mission of the National Convocation, this Officer may be removed by vote of the Board.</p> <p>The previous statements for Board Officers will apply to Board Members, when it is necessary.</p>	<p>In the event, a Board Officer, due to circumstances beyond their control, is unable to complete their term of office, a replacement for them shall be selected by the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>In the event, a Board Officer does not fulfill the duties and expectations of an officer in attendance, participation, committee assignments or behaves in a manner detrimental to the mission of the National Convocation, this Officer may be removed by vote of the Board.</p> <p>The previous statements for Board Officers will apply to Board Members, when it is necessary.</p>

**Addendum**

Present Wording	Proposed Wording	Revised Wording if Adopted
NONE	ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY SEARCH PROCESS	ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY SEARCH PROCESS

	<p>The Administrative Secretary shall be nominated by mutual agreement of the General Minister and President and an Advisory Committee from the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation to the Administrative Committee of the General Board for their approval. The Advisory Committee of not more than seven (7) persons shall be selected by the President of the National Convocation and confirmed by the Board of Trustees (in regular session or by mail ballot). The General Minister and President shall call together the Advisory Committee soon after confirmation to develop the profile of desired characteristics for the Administrative Secretary and agree upon a process of receiving names.</p> <p>After the development of the profile, the General Minister and President shall receive names of suggested nominees. Within ninety days after the profile has been developed, the General Minister and President will provide the Advisory Committee a list of all nominees who match the profile.</p> <p>The General Minister and President and the Advisory Committee will meet for the purpose of rank ordering the persons that match the profile. The General Minister and President, and a Search Committee, consisting of the President of the Board of Trustees, the Vice President of the Board of Trustees, and the President of Disciples Home Missions, shall interview the highest ranked candidate. Should the candidate demonstrate identified skills in the interview and accepts the nomination, the General Minister and President shall notify the members of the Advisory Committee and submit the candidate as the nominee to the Administrative Committee of the General Board for election. Should the highest ranked candidate, through interview or choice, prove ineligible, the General Minister and President shall continue down the priority list of</p>	<p>The Administrative Secretary shall be nominated by mutual agreement of the General Minister and President and an Advisory Committee from the Board of Trustees of the National Convocation to the Administrative Committee of the General Board for their approval. The Advisory Committee of not more than seven (7) persons shall be selected by the President of the National Convocation and confirmed by the Board of Trustees (in regular session or by mail ballot). The General Minister and President shall call together the Advisory Committee soon after confirmation to develop the profile of desired characteristics for the Administrative Secretary and agree upon a process of receiving names.</p> <p>After the development of the profile, the General Minister and President shall receive names of suggested nominees. Within ninety days after the profile has been developed, the General Minister and President will provide the Advisory Committee a list of all nominees who match the profile.</p> <p>The General Minister and President and the Advisory Committee will meet for the purpose of rank ordering the persons that match the profile. The General Minister and President, and a Search Committee, consisting of the President of the Board of Trustees, the Vice President of the Board of Trustees, and the President of Disciples Home Missions, shall interview the highest ranked candidate. Should the candidate demonstrate identified skills in the interview and accepts the nomination, the General Minister and President shall notify the members of the Advisory Committee and submit the candidate as the nominee to the Administrative Committee of the General Board for election. Should the highest ranked candidate, through interview or choice, prove ineligible, the General Minister and President shall continue down the priority list of</p>
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**Original Amendments:  
Summary of Action**

Article 1: Name  
No change

Article II: Purpose  
No change

Article III: Representation and Participation at Biennial Session  
Renamed Article III: Members

Article IV: The Board of Trustees of the National Convocation  
Renamed Article VI: Officers

Article V: The Board of Trustees of The National Christian Missionary Convention  
Inserted in Article IV: Officers

Article VI – The Representatives of the Fellowship Groups  
Renamed Article VI: Trustees

Article VII: The Executive Committee            No change

Article VIII: The Nomination Process  
Inserted under Article IV: Officers

Article IX: Issues Considered at the Biennial Session  
Renamed Article IX: Business

Article X: Officers  
Renamed Article IV: Officers

Article XI: The Administrative Secretary  
Renamed Article VIII: Administrative Secretary

Article XII: Criteria and Quality of Officers  
Inserted under Article XII: Officers

Article XIII: Meetings  
Inserted as Article V: Meetings

Article XIV: The Board of Trustee Meetings  
Inserted under Article VI: Trustees

Article XV: Executive Committee Meetings  
Inserted under Article VII: Executive Committee

Article XVI: Parliamentary Procedure  
Renamed Article XI: Parliamentary Authority  
Inserted *Newly* before Revised

Article XVII: Amendments  
Renamed Article XII: Amendment(s) of Articles of Operation