

Proposal to Amend the LIC Standing Rules of Order to establish more clarity on support required for resolutions

This proposal is for review by the participant members at the Fall Board Meeting, September 24-25, 2018. If members present approve, this Amendment would then be presented at the following Annual Assembly for possible vote.

Amend the LIC Constitution and By-Laws as follows:

STANDING RULES OF ORDER THE CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY OF THE LOUISIANA INTERCHURCH CONFERENCE

Amend Sections 3 a-c to read as follows:

All resolutions other than parliamentary motions and resolutions arising from the reports of committees, commissions, task forces, and administrative units are Member Resolutions. Resolutions may be moved only by Representatives with vote, and they must be filed by title on the opening day of the Assembly except as otherwise noted below.

- (a) Hortatory resolutions in the name of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference Annual Conference Assembly shall be approved by a majority of the delegates/designated representatives present at the Annual Conference Assembly.
- (b) Hortatory resolutions in the name of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference as a whole shall be submitted to the Judicatory Heads and all Board members one month before the Assembly at which the resolution will be presented, giving the Judicatory Heads (and Board members) an opportunity to consult and give direction to their delegates/designated representatives if they are not able to be present at the meeting. The resolution shall be approved by a majority of the delegates/designated representatives present at the Assembly.
- (c) Binding resolutions in the name of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference as a whole shall be submitted to the Judicatory Heads one month before the Assembly at which the resolution will be presented; approved by a majority of the delegates/designated representatives present at the meeting and subsequently approved by all Judicatory Heads.
- (d) The President of the LIC may, after consultation with available Judicatory Heads, board members and/or executive committee members, issue a President's Statement on an issue of concern to the LIC and of an urgency that it cannot wait until the Assembly or other meeting.

Digest:

These amendments remove from the current by-laws any reference to public officials, while preserving safeguards for any resolutions coming from the LIC as a whole. These amendments define two types of hortatory resolutions (the current by-laws only reference one). The first type of hortatory resolution comes from the LIC Annual Conference Assembly (not the LIC as a whole). This is the "spontaneous" type. The other type of hortatory resolution comes from the LIC as a whole and would be stated as such. Neither type of hortatory resolution would require all of the judicatory heads to sign on, but the judicatory heads would have a chance to review a hortatory resolution coming from the LIC as a whole, one month before the Assembly at which it is presented. The distinction is whether the resolution speaks on behalf of the LIC Annual Assembly or the LIC as a whole. The fact is that we pass resolutions at almost every Annual Assembly and these resolutions are often addressed to public officials.

Binding resolutions, introduced to the by-laws in these amendments, appear nowhere in the current constitution or by-laws, but they have become part of the LIC tradition and practice. The binding resolution creating the Bread or Stones Campaign followed the procedure proposed above in 3c. These amendments put the word "binding" into the by-laws and also require approval by 100% of the Judicatory Heads after passing the Assembly.

Amendment 3d creates a President's Statement (several Member Communion have something similar) – but with the addition that a President's Statement has to be written in consultation with available Judicatory Heads, board members and/or executive committee members (though no vote is needed). This is a new concept for LIC. In the past only the executive director has issued statements.