

VFT Resolution #13 — District Presbytery Representatives From Ethnic/Language Fellowships

Our bylaws refer to ethnic fellowships, but not language fellowships. This has been clarified by replacing "ethnic" with "ethnic/language." This resolution requires a district to appoint a presbyter to represent each ethnic/language group from a recognized fellowship within their district when that ethnic or language group reaches an adequate number of churches. The number of ethnic/language churches required to appoint a presbyter has not been stated, since current district models vary substantially.

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 8. Ethnic Fellowships, page 114...,

Be amended to read:

Section 8. Ethnic and Language Fellowships

Ethnic or Language groups may be authorized by the Executive Presbytery to form a fellowship of churches. The fellowship shall exist for the purpose of exchanging information, facilitating evangelism, and establishing churches. Although functioning as a fellowship, the ethnic churches shall remain affiliated with the appropriate district. When a ethnic or language group recognized by the Executive Presbytery functions as a fellowship and represents a specific number of churches determined by and within a district, a presbyter shall be appointed or elected from the ethnic or language fellowship to represent the ethnic or language fellowship within a district.

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