

## **2. Selection and Function of the Process Committee for Discerning Uses of the Doing Church Business Recommendations**

### **Background**

The 2007 Annual Conference passed the following response to the report of the Doing Church Business Study Committee: *“That we receive the intent of the report as resource and study information in answer to the query and that the recommendations be viewed as possible options for use in future Annual Conferences as future Annual Conference officers deem appropriate.”*

The report, however, called for an Annual Conference Process Committee to coordinate the paper’s implementation. It specified that the committee was to be chosen via a slate discerned by the Nominating Committee of Standing Committee, the slate to be brought to the 2008 Conference for affirmation. The recommendation further asked that Standing Committee provide a report to the 2009 Conference regarding the implementation and impact of the paper and a similar report every three years thereafter.

In its review of the actions of the 2007 Annual Conference, the Annual Conference officers felt that the paragraph concerning a Process Committee and subsequent reports to Conference was not answered by the Conference action. The officers sought the counsel of the Annual Conference Council on the question and the Council recorded the following minute in its August 2007 meeting: The Council was asked by the Annual Conference officers to assist with determining the role of the Process Committee in light of the action of Annual Conference to make the recommendations of the report resource and study information available for use in planning future Annual Conferences. In consultation with the Council, the officers deemed it appropriate that a committee of three be called by the Nominating Committee to be the Process Committee. The Process Committee is to work with the officers and with the Program and Arrangements Committee to help define and prioritize options to pursue the intent of the paper. The Committee will be affirmed by the 2008 Annual Conference and will serve for one year. The officers will convey this action to the Standing Committee.

For several years in the future, the officers and Program and Arrangements Committees will be given this prioritized report. Each year the officers will report to Standing Committee any implementation of the prioritized options.

### **Action**

The Nominating Committee will submit to the 2008 Standing Committee its nominees for the Process Committee. The Standing Committee will bring that slate to the delegates of the 2008 Annual Conference for approval. The above background material is for information only.