

# Reports of Selected Standing Committee Sub-committees

## 1. Report: Developing a Process for Addressing Concerns with Annual Conference Agencies

With the adoption of the new polity regarding Annual Conference Agencies, the 2022 Annual Conference directed Standing Committee to “develop a process for conversation with an Annual Conference Agency for the purpose of renewing a good working relationship should a concern emerge.”

At a subsequent meeting, the Standing Committee named a four-member sub-committee charged with developing a process for addressing concerns with Annual Conference Agencies. Vickie Samland, the Standing Committee delegate from the Western Plains District, was called as Chair. The sub-committee reported at the 2023 Annual Conference that they have initiated and continued consultation with persons with expertise in the processes and resources involved in conflict transformation.

The sub-committee has continued to meet since the 2023 Annual Conference. The work is still in progress. The goal is to have a draft ready for presentation and adoption by the Standing Committee during the 2024 pre-conference meeting. This simple process is intended to be conversational and encourage relationship building. When adopted, the process will become a part of the Standing Committee manual and will not be considered denominational polity.

### **Sub-committee Members**

Vickie Samland, chair

Dawn Baldwin

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