

This minority resolution refers to the General Synod vote 23-GS-32 to amend the United Church of Christ Bylaws.

The following minority resolution was approved by the 226 delegates in the minority at a plenary of the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, held in Indianapolis June 30-July 4, 2023.

Minority Resolution

TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, by two-thirds vote passed an amendment to its bylaws moving the frequency of the General Synod from every two to every three years the minority seeks to have its voice formally recorded in a minority resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minority of 226 delegates affirms their objection to this amendment to the bylaws on the basis of, but not limited to, the decrease of in person fellowship that Scriptures directs (Hebrews 10:24), stewardship, extended leadership terms and their extensions' impact on leadership opportunities and development in the Church.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT we compel the Board of Directors to form a committee tasked with identifying and deploying strategies that support fellowship within and between Conferences and with the National Setting.

Funding: The funding for the implementation of the Resolution be made in accordance with overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

Implementation: The United Church of Christ Board, in consultation with the Conferences and the National Setting shall form a committee to determine the implementing body.