

## **Congregations Working Group Monitoring Report, May 16, 2011**

The Congregations Working Group recommends the following actions on the Policies 2.2.1, 2.2.5, and 2.13.

### **Policy 2.2.1—Response to Congregational Communications**

**Motion**—B. Accept the report. Interpretation is reasonable and addresses all elements of the policy. However, the administration reported non-compliance because data were unavailable and described system for gathering data for the next round of reports..

**Comment:** Recommend combining Policies 2.2.1 and 2.2.3. Both address communications, and the administration proposes the same data sources for both.

### **Policy 2.2.5—Provide Congregations with information regarding fair compensation**

**Motion**—A. Accept report, finding all elements were adequately addressed in the operational definition and that the organization is in compliance with the policy.

### **Policy 2.13—Election Practices**

**Motion**—D. Accept the report with the expectation that the following be addressed in the next rotation of monitoring reports:

- Operational definition needs to be expanded to include all candidates for national office.
- Rationale is a restatement of the operational definition rather than a statement intended to support reasonableness of operational definition.

#### **Comment:**

Recommend rewording Policy 2.13 as follows:

In order to provide wide dissemination of information about UUA elections, and to make it possible for all qualified candidates to seek national office without undue financial and time burdens, the President shall not fail to establish appropriate policies, practices and communications systems to support the election process.

With respect to election practices, the President shall not:

1. **Fail to provide and publicize information for all contested and uncontested candidates for offices to be elected by General Assembly delegates, maximize access to candidate information by all member congregations, and help manage the cost of campaigning for UUA national office.**
2. Permit staff to show favoritism towards or against any candidate for UUA elected office.

Rationale: This rewording is less prescriptive and expands policy to cover all candidates for UUA national office.