

DECISIONS OF EXECUTIVE COMMISSION 2022

GENERAL SECRETARY

NOTICE OF MOTION 1

When the report of the General Secretary is presented, I will move that the Executive Commission, instead of adding more committees of the General Assembly,

- a. Places all the functions that are undertaken by the women in leadership, youth desk and gender desk that request to be established as committees under the Church in Society Committee;
- b. Instructs the Church in Society Committee to co-opt those members who are performing those functions to continue with their work under the CIS committee;
- c. Instructs the Nominations Committee to beef up the new CIS Committee in 2023 General Assembly with more human resources and capacity to execute the functions smoothly; and
- d. Encourages the CIS Committee that, in future, they should establish task teams for the work that is undertaken by those structures.

1. The Executive Commission

- a. gives thanks to God for sustaining the UPCSA during the difficult COVID-19 times;
- b. commends the UPCSA ministers and leadership for their resilience in providing ministry to the UPCSA congregations and members; and
- c. encourages the Presbytery moderators, in their pastor parorum capacity, to continue to arrange for the provision of psycho-social and spiritual support to the ministers.

2. The Executive Commission

- a. adopts the statement from the women leadership consultation; and
- b. approves the proposals that are raised in the statement as follows:
 - i. Noting the progress made at the 2021 General Assembly to address the unequal representation of women in the Councils of the UPCSA, the Executive Commission resolves to maintain the momentum in this important area.
 - ii. The Executive Commission encourages the mainstreaming of the promotion of women leadership at all the various levels and the structures of the church.

3. The Executive Commission

- a. notes with appreciation that the Presbytery of the DRC was formally established on 30 April - 1 May 2022;
 - b. appreciates that the UPCSA has 20 Presbyteries;
 - c. agrees that the documents of the UPCSA should be in both English and French; and
 - d. requests the Priorities and Resources Committee and the Finance Committee in consultation with the DRC Presbytery to organise the resources for the translation services.
4. The Executive Commission notes that the office of the General Secretary has worked with the Mission and Discipleship Committee for the rolling out of the UPCSA's Decade Programme: Going for Growth.
5. The Executive Commission
 - a. appreciates the efforts that are being made to implement the UPCSA strategic plan;
 - b. commends the Presbyteries that submitted their plans; and
 - c. instructs all the other Presbyteries to submit their plans by 31 August 2022.
6. The Executive Commission
 - a. appreciates the brief analyses of the state of the church in the city/suburban and in the rural areas; and
 - b. requests the Priorities and Resources Committee, working with the Ministry Committee and Mission & Discipleship Committee to study the situation and report at the next General Assembly.
7. The Executive Commission encourages the councils, congregations and fellowships to strive for denominational cohesion and reconciliation.