

Floor Committee #2: Conference of Presidents

Subject: Triennial conference proposal

Reference: *Book of Reports and Memorials*, pp. 7,8

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Our committee recognizes the Conference of Presidents (COP) is not asking for action on this proposal at the 2023 convention. Nevertheless, our committee notes two preliminary concerns with regard to grassroots participation and synodical responsiveness. We are concerned about reducing grassroots participation at synod conventions and about delaying our ability to respond as a synod in convention to pressing issues that arise. We urge caution on what would be a significant change and support the pursuit of fuller discussion and input from the districts.

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