NOTICE TO 2021 GENERAL COUNCIL ACCREDITED DELEGATES
OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GENERAL COUNCIL SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER
SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON RULES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMENDED AND RESTATED
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF
THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

The Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance adopted the following recommendations during their October 2021 meeting, finding that the following proposed amendments are of a routine or editorial nature and will not alter any substantive provision of the noted document, and has directed that the proposed amendments be submitted to a vote of the Committee on Rules.

RECOMMENDATION 1—GENERAL COUNCIL SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER—DELEGATE CERTIFICATION

2021 General Council adopted recommendations that moved the certification of evangelists and ministers-at-large from National Office responsibility to the districts. The Committee on Special Reports and General Legislation withdrew a recommendation to the lists below in the Special Rules of Order because it contained additional amendments connected to recommendations to allow voting privileges for spouses that did not pass. The following portion of amendments to that section are still needed to agree with the revisions that were approved regarding evangelists and ministers-at-large.

It is **recommended** that amendments be made to Article V, Section 5.2, Delegate Certification Signatures, sections C and D (pages A3-5-7), in the Special Rules of Order in the C&MA Manual, which reads:

Section 5.2. Signature. The delegate certification provided by the corporate secretary shall be authorized as follows:

C. National Office. The National Office shall authorize certification for each of the following persons:

1. District superintendents
2. Assistant district superintendents
3. National evangelists
4. Ministers-at-Large
5. National officers of Alliance Women
6. Federal chaplains
7. Each international worker who is eligible to attend the General Council
8. Each retired international worker desiring to attend the General Council
9. Official workers and lay delegates from each developing ethnically based
(10) Each marketplace ministries delegate at the discretion of the vice president for Alliance Missions

D. District Superintendent/Director. The district superintendent or director shall authorize certification for each of the following persons:

(1) Official workers in the district

(2) Nonfederal chaplains

(3) Lay delegates certified by the church they are representing

(4) Two delegates designated by each postsecondary educational institution of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (one of whom shall be a member of the teaching faculty)

(5) District director for Alliance Women

(6) Members of a General Council committee elected by District Conference or appointed by the District Executive Committee

(7) Lay ministers and each Christian worker who is a pastor of a church

(8) Lay members of the District Executive Committee

(9) Retired U.S. official workers residing in the district who desire to attend the General Council

(10) Orchard Alliance Regional Consultants residing in the district

Be amended as follows:

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The amended section will then read:

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**RECOMMENDATION 2—REVISING “SENIOR PASTOR” TO “LEAD PASTOR”**

The Manual of the C&MA currently uses the terminology of senior pastor. More commonly in today’s church world, the head pastor of a church is referred to as the lead pastor.

Whereas, The nomenclature of senior pastor is somewhat dated and not commonly used in churches; and

Whereas, Most Alliance churches refer to the head pastor as the lead pastor,

It is recommended that Church Ministries be granted the authority to work with the Corporate Secretary’s Office to change senior pastor to lead pastor in the C&MA Manual.

**COMMUNICATION DURING NOTICE PERIOD**

According to Article VII of the Special Rules of Order of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (page A3-8) and Section 10.1 of the General Bylaws of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (page A2-23), an accredited delegate of the 2021 General Council has the right to communicate, during the notice period, to the Committee on Rules concerning the above amendments. The Committee on Rules is required to wait at least
one month, after notice is given, to take any action on the amendments. Therefore, if any accredited delegate would like to communicate to the Committee on Rules, they may contact the chairperson, Robert B. Goldenberg, at cmapastorbob@hotmail.com or 814-762-5053.

**NOTICE PERIOD**

November 3, 2021, through December 3, 2021