

ASSURING THAT ALL GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES CAN BE PRESENT FOR THE ENTIRE SESSION

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ACTION: We ask the Northern Illinois Conference, through its secretary, to inform the Commission on General Conference and the General Board of Global Ministries, with copy to the secretary of the Connectional Table, of our concern that travel arrangements being made on behalf of delegates to the General Conference from the annual conferences which comprise the central conferences should allow these delegates to be present for the entire session of the General Conference, thus not limiting or denying the right of voice and vote to any delegate at any time.

RATIONALE: It has been reported that some of the African delegates to the 2008 General Conference were required, by travel arrangements made for them, to leave the General Conference before its adjournment. Not being allowed to remain at the General Conference until its adjournment constitutes a denial of the right of voice and vote on legislative proposals before the General Conference in the final hours of the quadrennial session.