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Suggested Title: GBPHB Board Restructure

Discipline ¶: 1502.1

General Church Budget Implications: None

Global Implications: None

Agency Name: General Board of Pension and Health Benefits

Amend Paragraph 1502.1 as follows:

¶ 1502.1. *Membership—*a) The membership of the general board shall be composed of twenty-six members elected as follows: two U.S. bishops, elected by the Council of Bishops; sixteen ten members elected by the jurisdictional conferences from the annual conference nominations on a ratio providing for an equitable distribution among the various jurisdictions as follows: three from the Southeast jurisdiction; two each from the South Central, Northeast and North Central jurisdictions; and one from the Western jurisdiction,~~based on the combined clergy and laity membership thereof, as determined by the secretary of the General Conference; six~~ four members, two from the jurisdictions and two from the central conferences (one of whom may be a central conference bishop)~~with not more than two from the same jurisdiction~~, elected by the General Conference on nomination of the Council of Bishops; and ~~eight~~ ten additional members for the purpose of bringing to the general board special knowledge or background, ~~not more than two from the same jurisdiction~~, nominated and elected by the general board in such manner as it shall provide in its bylaws. This legislation shall be effective at the close of the 2016 General Conference.

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RATIONALE: GBPHB believes that we can preserve the current diversity of perspectives with a smaller board while also incorporating more effective governance, better stewardship of resources and more nimble decision-making processes.