

**Resolution 4**

**THE ROLE OF THE DISTRICT**

1 WHEREAS, The General Council Bylaws articulates the role of the district (General Council  
2 Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 2. The Role of the District,  
3 pages 148–149); and

4 WHEREAS, This specific section states that the district oversees district affiliated churches in  
5 accordance with their own bylaws; and

6 WHEREAS, The term “oversees” is so broad in scope and interpretation and the phrase “the  
7 district oversees district council affiliated assemblies” so compulsory that it  
8 becomes a legal imposition; and

9 WHEREAS, The districts, in compliance to their own bylaws, determine how to best care for,  
10 serve, invest in, and advance district council affiliated assemblies, thereby fulfilling  
11 one of their key roles; therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE V. DISTRICT COUNCILS, Section 2.  
13 The Role of the District, pages 148–149; which reads:

**Section 2. The Role of the District**

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16 The district is primarily relationship based. The district should facilitate a  
17 network for resources and relationships and provide training for credentialed  
18 ministers and local churches. The district provides ministry events to the local  
19 church, such as camps, conferences, and retreats; and relates to the General  
20 Council affiliated churches in accordance with provisions of the Constitutional  
21 Declaration, Constitution Article XI, Bylaws Article VI, and the constitution  
22 and bylaws of the respective district council. The district oversees district  
23 affiliated churches in accordance with its own bylaws, and processes and  
24 recommends ministerial credentialing and disciplines for its constituents.

25 Be amended to read:

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Sponsor: General Presbytery

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