

## **ARTICLE XIX AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1. Bylaws.** These Bylaws may be added to, amended, or repealed only with the consent of the Delegates at any Biennial Meeting of Delegates and provided that: (i) notice of any such proposed addition, amendment or repeal has been given to the Delegates upon the recommendation of the Board of General Ministries either (A) at least ninety (90) days prior to the Biennial Meeting at which such proposed addition, amendment, or repeal is to be submitted, or (B) at the Biennial Meeting immediately preceding the Biennial Meeting at which such proposed addition, amendment, or repeal is to be submitted; and (ii) such addition, amendment, or repeal is approved by a majority of the votes cast by the Delegates present, and further provided that any addition to or amendment or repeal of Article I, Article II, Article IV, Article V, Article X, Article XII, Article XIII, Article XV, Article XVI or this Article XIX of these Bylaws must be approved by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the Delegates present; and further provided that no addition, amendment or repeal of (A) the Prologue to these Bylaws, (B) any provision of these Bylaws relating to the rights of a majority of the National Boards to consent to specified changes in Article 4 of the ABCUSA Certificate of Incorporation, or to appoint the Special Director, or (C) Section 1 of this Article XIX, shall be approved without the written consent of a majority of the National Boards specified in the applicable Section of these Bylaws.

Any addition to or amendment or repeal of these Bylaws may be recommended: (i) at any Biennial Meeting by a majority of the votes cast by the Delegates present; provided that prior to such Biennial Meeting, the addition, amendment or repeal has been presented to and approved by the Board of General Ministries; or (ii) by petition to the Board of General Ministries signed by at least two hundred (200) Cooperating Churches which are located within the areas of at least five (5) Regional Organizations; or (iii) by majority vote of the entire Board of General Ministries taken at any meeting of the Board of General Ministries. Voting by the Delegates pursuant to this Section 1 shall be in accordance with Article XVIII, Section 9 of these Bylaws.

**Section 2. Standing Rules.** Standing Rules of the ABCUSA may be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority of the votes cast by the directors of the Board of General Ministries, as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of these Bylaws, at any special meeting called for that purpose or any regular meeting, provided that notice of any such proposed Standing Rule or any proposed amendment or repeal of any Standing Rule has been given to the directors of the Board of General Ministries, either: (i) at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which such proposed Standing Rule, amendment, or repeal is to be submitted; or (ii) at the meeting of the Board of General Ministries immediately preceding the meeting at which such proposed Rule, amendment, or repeal is to be submitted. Each Standing Rule shall be consistent with these Bylaws. Any Standing Rule or amendment or repeal thereof may be recommended in the same manner as any addition to, amendment, or repeal of these Bylaws as provided in Section 1 of this Article XIX and, in addition, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Executive Committee or of the entire National Leadership Council.