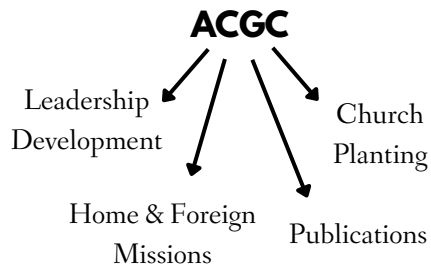


# Summary of Proposed ACGC Bylaw Changes

## Mission & Ministry

The current ACGC bylaws list eight areas of service (ministry) for the denomination itself. The proposed changes simplify and consolidate these areas into four categories that better coincide with current ACGC ministries.



## Unifying Identity

At present, denominational unity is essentially undefined. The proposed changes seek to explain the basic, essential unity of AC churches, pastors, conferences, and regions. The goal is to express *who* we are and *what* defines us.

<b>From</b>	→	<b>To</b>
Voluntary	→	Voluntary
Unclear Identity	→	Clear Identity
No Required Beliefs	→	Essential Beliefs

This unifying identity provides denominational membership standards for churches, pastors, conferences, regions, and associate members, but not to the membership of the individual churches.

## Organizational Structure

- New conferences need at least 6 churches
- Ministerial Committee minimum: 3 ordained members
- Ministerial Committees may be held by Conferences *or* Regions
- Replacement of the Judiciary Committee with the GCMC

## General Conference Ministerial Committee

The proposed GCMC serves as a representative means of review and recommendation for denominational unity and accountability. When actionable situations arise, the GCMC first appeals to the relevant Conference or Region Ministerial Committee. In situations when a local MC refuses to act, the GCMC may recommend action to the Triennial delegate body.

The GCMC is composed of the regional superintendents and one ordained minister from each region, elected by each regional delegate body.

### The GCMC Is:

- Representative of Churches, Conferences, & Regions
- Advisory
- Subject to the Triennial Delegate Body

### The GCMC Can:

- Review
- Counsel
- Recommend
- Hear Appeals

### The GCMC Cannot:

- Remove Members
- Revoke Credentials
- Act Independently of the Conferences, Regions, or Triennial Delegates