

Maine Conference Coordinating Council (governing body)

March 19, 2010

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Regarding inclusiveness – is the playing field just? Is counting necessary?

Go to the best person withy abilities to live out what has to be accomplished.

Diversity in socio-economic status is important, as is the rural-urban mixture.

The nominating committee has to be diverse.

The “everybody else” could come from a small number of Conferences. This is a concern. Can these “others” be designated as coming from different Conferences?

There needs to be something built in to allay the fears of the HUGS that their voice will not be heard.

The Finance Committee min the older proposal had nearly 50% of the membership being paid staff. This is not a good idea.

Going to a single governance will result in a cultural shift and a more staff driven denomination.

Bangor Theological Seminary Polity students

May 7, 2010

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Responses to question b:

Ecumenical

Open to dialog

Continue toward uniting and fellowship

Honor the autonomy of individual congregations and traditions

Continue the subject or covenant

Consolidate leadership to cut costs, while protecting endowments

Be the voice of justice

Trust connection

Responses to question a:

I understand the need, but less representation will mean less connection

Membership of the Board should be representative of the membership of the UCC, not a quota system

Feels more like a patch than a solution

Continue Conference representation

How can we be inclusive without being restrictive?

Skills are as important as diversity

Is the tail wagging the dog?

50/50 is mathematically a challenge, especially when you are talking about an odd number

Maine Conference Annual Meeting workshop

June 11, 2010

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Responses to question b:

Of the people

Keep its energetic voice, i.e. lean, green, etc

Website is trying too hard to be cute, using lingo we don't recognize. It is not a useful tool.

Looking at the resolution doesn't tell us what it means

Give us a vision – how will it affect us; how will it be spelled out?

Be what the UCC professes to be

Responses to question a:

Not forgetting what it professes to be while incorporating new ideas

Need simplification

We want good stewardship of the church's money

Make connections with Conferences, Associations & churches stronger

Ask for input from Conferences, Associations and churches