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YOUNG ADULT DELEGATE RECOMMENDATION

PREAMBLE

The voice of the next generation is a critical part of our CBOQ family of churches. The annual gathering of CBOQ churches at Assembly is where decisions are made that will shape us, the Canadian Baptist Churches in Ontario and Quebec, for the future. Given these realities, it is important to amend our delegate structure so as to intentionally encourage our family of churches to ensure that the voice of the next generation is among us as we assemble together in the years to come. As such, each church shall be given the opportunity if they so choose to appoint one additional delegate to Assembly who is between the ages of 18 and 25, and thus close in age and understanding to the emerging generation. Assembly 2018 will be focusing on our strategic priority of Next Generation.

The CBOQ Board at its April 21, 2017 board meeting unanimously approved a special resolution to amend section 2.07(b) of General Operating By-law No. 3 to increase the total number of Assembly delegates each Local Church will be entitled to appoint as described below, subject to sanction by the Members at the Meeting of Members at **Assembly 2018**, as required by Section 15.02 of General Operating By-law No. 3. This is being brought to Assembly 2017 as an information item.

Proposed Resolution to be voted on at the Meeting of Members to be held at **Assembly 2018:**

WHEREAS CBOQ recognizes the next generation as a relevant and important voice in the vision and mission of CBOQ;

AND WHEREAS CBOQ recognizes that there is no restriction upon a Local Church appointing Delegates who are young adults aged 18 to 25;

AND WHEREAS CBOQ does nevertheless wish to encourage Local Churches to appoint our next generation of young adults as Delegates;

AND WHEREAS, in order to achieve this purpose, it is necessary to amend, section 2.07(b) of General Operating By-law No. 3 to provide that each CBOQ Local Church may appoint, beyond the current allowable number, one (1) additional Delegate who is between the ages of 18 to 25 as its official young adult Delegate to the annual Meeting of Members from this Assembly forward;

AND WHEREAS the said amendment of General Operating By-law No. 3 shall be achieved through the enactment of amending By-law No. 4 by Special Resolution of the Members.

BE IT RESOLVED BY SPECIAL RESOLUTION that:

1. Amending By-law No. 4, as circulated to the members in the form set out below, is hereby approved;
2. In the event that minor amendments are required to be made to amending By-law No. 4, any one of the Officers or Directors of the Corporation is hereby authorized to make such minor amendments as may be necessary, subject to first obtaining advice from legal counsel for the Corporation; and
3. Any one of the Officers and Directors of the Corporation is authorized to take all such actions and execute and deliver all such documentation which are necessary or desirable for the implementation of this resolution.

BY-LAW NO. 4: A BY-LAW TO AMEND GENERAL OPERATING BY-LAW NO. 3 OF CANADIAN BAPTISTS OF ONTARIO AND QUEBEC (the "Corporation")

WHEREAS the Corporation wishes to amend certain provisions of General Operating By-law No. 3 of the Corporation, in accordance with this amending By-law No. 4 as set out herein:

BE IT ENACTED AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED that General Operating By-law No. 3 of the Corporation is amended by this By-law No. 4 in the following manner:

1. Section 2.07(b) of General Operating By-law No. 3 shall be amended by the insertion of a new subsection (ii) and the subsequent renumbering of the existing subsection (ii) to (iii)¹:

"2.07 Delegates

(a) Voting by Delegates

A Member shall vote at all Meetings of Members by means of individual Delegates appointed on behalf of each Member.

(b) Number of Delegates

Each Member shall be entitled to appoint two (2) Delegates. Each Delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote. A Member shall be entitled to appoint additional Delegates in the following situations, as applicable:

- (i) A Local Church will be entitled to one (1) additional Delegate for each additional fifty (50) Active Members over and above the first one hundred (100) Active Members or part thereof, with the number of Active Members of the Local Church being determined in accordance with its Official Membership as of the Membership Date.

(ii) **A Local Church will be entitled to one (1) additional Delegate provided that this additional Delegate is between the ages of eighteen (18) and twenty-five (25) years of age at the time of appointment.**

(iii) An Association will be entitled to one (1) additional Delegate for each additional fifty (50) Local Churches situated within the boundaries of the Association over and above the first one hundred (100) Local Churches or part thereof, with the number of Local Churches being determined in accordance with its Official Membership as of the Membership Date.

Neither Directors nor Employees of CBOQ shall be appointed as Delegates by a Member."

2. That the directors and officers are hereby authorized and directed to do, sign and execute all things, deeds and documents necessary or desirable for the due carrying out of the foregoing.

ENACTED by not less than a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors this _____ day of _____, 2018 under the seal of the Corporation.

President

Vice-President

CONFIRMED by not less than a two-thirds (2/3rds) vote of the Members of the Corporation this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Treasurer

¹ For ease of reference, the existing subsections 2.07(a) and (b) from General Operating By-law No. 3 are set out above in their entirety, with the proposed new subsection 2.07(b)(ii) being highlighted in **bold** and **blue**.)