



## **Advisory Council (AC) Job Description**

The Advisory Council (AC) is a gathering of representatives who will carefully consider issues suggested primarily by the Missional Leadership Team (MLT). There may also be occasions when the AC recommends agenda to the MLT. The AC is a discerning, advising and recommending body.

### **Structure**

- Consists of the Moderator-Elect, two (2) persons from each of the seven clusters, one (1) person representing African American interests, one (1) person representing Hispanic interests, and one (1) representative each from Bethany Christian Schools and Amigo Centre. Up to three (3) additional members can be appointed with particular interests or gifts in areas of justice/peace, nurture, service and evangelism, etc.
- Chaired by the Moderator-Elect
- Lead Conference Minister and the Regional Conference Ministers meet with the AC but are not voting members
- Meets twice a year for a day-long meeting (more or less) and discusses one or two issues each meeting
- MLT receives the council of this group and benefits from the AC's larger size and diverse representation
- Creates a place for potential leaders to test the waters at a conference level

### **Function**

- Serves as a council of conference elders
- Gives council to MLT
- Engages together in cluster-to-cluster and entity-to-entity dialog
- Voices collective aspirations and concerns to conference leadership
- Exercises listening and discernment

### **Qualities/Gifts of Members**

- Able to work with diversity and listen well
- Biblically/theologically aware
- Able to work with people from diverse backgrounds—theological, educational, racial and ethnic
- Aware of the broader church and its challenges
- Committed to a missional imagination
- Broad experiences of cultures/peoples with a rootedness in biblical foundations