

[PROPOSAL NAME]

Origin:

1. What is the issue? (describe in broad terms)

We believe God/Jesus/Holy Spirit is calling us to:

- do something about...
- engage the topic of...
- respond to the challenge of...
- etc.

Note: proposals for the General Council are for issues of denominational responsibility that go beyond the bounds of a presbytery or Conference.

2. Why is this issue important?

What are the key underlying theological, ecclesiological, missional, or justice issues?

What is the history/background of this issue?

What are the principles informing this issue?

3. How might the General Council respond to the issue?

Name a possible response that the General Council might consider:

A. Study/Discussion of the issue

B. Action on the issue

This could include:

- General Council directing that a policy/strategy be developed based on specified principles and parameters
- General Council adopting a policy position/strategy
- General Council encouraging/suggesting action by congregations and other communities of faith on the issue

Note to 3.A: The General Council could be asked to have a conversation about a particular issue as an end in itself without making a policy decision or taking other action.

Note to 3.B: Suggestions for wording of a policy/strategy could be offered as possibilities for consideration in the decision-making process but not as expectations of a particular outcome.

4. For the courts transmitting this proposal to the General Council:

Are there comments, affirmations, suggestions you would like to make with respect to this proposal?