

Community of Christ

World Conference Legislative Process

How does legislation come before World Conference?

- The 2007 World Conference resolved that “proposed legislation shall come before the World Conference only upon the approval of a mission center conference or from quorums, councils, the Presiding Bishopric, or orders of the World Church or committees of the World Conference...[and] must be submitted to the First Presidency no later than 120 days prior to the opening day of World Conference” (WCR 1290).
- During World Conference, the First Presidency may accept legislation from councils, quorums, the Presiding Bishopric, and orders of the World Church and of authorized caucuses if it is urgent or required because of actions taken during the Conference.

How do mission center conference resolutions become legislative items for the 2010 World Conference?

- The mission center conference must pass the resolution. Then, the mission center president must send the resolution to World Church Secretary Andrew Shields by December 11, 2009.
- The First Presidency strongly encourages sending potential legislation to the World Conference Resolutions Committee through Andrew Shields. The Resolutions Committee can evaluate legislation to see if it is in order and if it is implementable, and to offer suggestions to clarify wording so the resolution does what its movers want it to do.

Is it appropriate for mission center officers to share resolutions from other mission centers with their conferences?

- Yes. It is helpful for the conference to understand what questions will already be presented to the 2010 World Conference. The conference can then decide whether to continue with its own legislative items if they are similar.

How will 2010 World Conference legislation be shared with World Church staff and members?

- As legislation becomes available, it will be e-mailed to mission center leaders, who will decide how to best share it with their congregations.
- Beginning with the October 2009 issue, legislation will be published as “Official” announcements in the *Herald* magazine.

What do mission center conference resolutions and World Conference legislative items mean for our worldwide church?

- Mission center resolutions are proposals to be considered by the World Conference.
- No decisions have been made about these items for our denomination.
- Unless ruled out of order by the First Presidency, the 2010 World Conference will discuss each legislative item and decide by a vote if an item will be accepted, declined, or referred to another group.