

## DRAFT OF RESOLUTION TO AMEND STANDING RULE CD-21

WHEREAS, the wording of CD-21 calls for observance of the Lord's Supper to be "encouraged monthly" where the intent is to encourage monthly observance;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of CD-21 to encourage pastors in our district to consistently provide the opportunity for believers to be baptized, but that the schedule and demands of each local church vary so that it may not be feasible to offer baptism at least quarterly;

RESOLVED, that the first sentence of CD-21 be amended by striking the words "encouraged monthly in our local churches" and inserting the words "monthly observance shall be encouraged"; and

RESOLVED, that CD-21 shall be further amended by striking the second sentence and inserting "An opportunity for Christian baptism shall be extended at least twice each year for those who are prepared to receive this sacrament." so that the CD-21 as amended shall read:

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be observed at least once each quarter and **monthly observance shall be encouraged** (Discipline 725:6). **An opportunity for Christian baptism shall be extended at least twice each year for those who are prepared to receive this sacrament.**