

For Considering the Reduction of Districts and Funding for Campus Ministry

On June 13, the Great Plains Conference referred a resolution and two amendments to the Connecting Council. The Council has been asked to study the matter and bring recommendations to the 2015 session of the GPC. The following is one possibility for how we might handle the referral.

The Connecting Council establishes a District Study Group of no more than 15 persons to be appointed by Bishop Jones. It should study other conferences and the unique history and characteristics of our conference and bring a report to the October meeting of the Connecting Council for discussion. At the very least, the report should consider the following questions:

1. Given our geography, our mission and our priorities, what is the most fruitful way for our conference to organize its districts?
2. What is the best way for district superintendents to serve our mission in the 21st century?
3. How many districts should there be?
4. If we change the number of districts, what are the financial implications?

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