

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS**

## **Article I Name**

**The name of this organization shall be known as the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, hereinafter referred to as the Conference.**

## **Article II Purpose**

**The purpose of this conference is to facilitate the proclamation of the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels' messages of Revelation 14:6-12 to all peoples within its territory, leading them to accept Jesus as personal Savior and to unite with His church, and nurturing them in preparation for His soon return.**

## **Article III Relationships**

**The South Bahamas Conference is a member unit of the Atlantic Caribbean Union of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and is located in the territory of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists-Inter-American Division. This conference shall pursue the mission of the Church in harmony with the doctrines, programs, and initiatives adopted and approved by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in its quinquennial sessions.**

## **Article IV Geographical Territory**

**The territory of this conference shall consist of the Central and Southern Islands of the Bahamas.**

## **Article V Membership/Constituency**

**Section 1. The membership/constituency of this conference shall consist of such churches as have been or shall be properly organized in any part of the geographic territory under its jurisdiction and formally approved for membership by vote of the delegates at any regularly scheduled regular or special constituency meeting.**

**Section 2. Companies and isolated members of this conference shall be organized into what will be known as the Conference Church. The business of this church shall be conducted by the Conference Executive Committee. The officers shall be the president and secretary of the conference who shall serve as elder and clerk respectively.**

## Article VI Bylaws

The members of this conference, acting in and through a conference constituency meeting, may enact bylaws, and/or repeal them, and such bylaws may embrace any provision not inconsistent with the constitution or with the current local conference model constitution and bylaws approved by the Executive Committee of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

## Article VII Dissolution and Disposition of Assets

This conference may be dissolved only by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present and voting at any constituency meeting.

In the event of the dissolution of this conference, and unless otherwise required by local law, all assets remaining after all claims have been satisfied shall be transferred to a legal entity authorized by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists-Inter-American Division.

## Article VIII Amendments

The bolded text of this constitution shall not be amended except to conform to the model local conference constitution when it is amended by action of the General Conference Executive Committee at an Annual Council. Such amendments shall be adopted into the conference constitution by a simple majority vote (unless local law requires a higher majority) of delegates present and voting at a conference constituency meeting. This conference may amend the un-bolded text of the constitution from time to time at a conference constituency meeting, provided any such changes are in harmony with the spirit and intent of the model constitution. Such amendments shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting. The conference executive committee may recommend to the General Conference, through the Atlantic Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists- and the Inter-American Division of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, amendments to the model constitution.

# **BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH BAHAMAS CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS**

## **Article I Principal Office**

**The principal office for the transaction of the business of the South Bahamas Conference is fixed and located at Tonique Williams-Darling Highway, New Providence. The executive committee may in an emergency change the location of the principal office on a temporary basis.**

## **Article II Constituency Meetings**

### **Section 1. Regular Meeting:**

**This conference shall hold a regular quadrennial constituency meeting at such time and place as the executive committee of the conference shall designate. In the event that the executive committee fails to call a regular constituency meeting within the quadrennial period, the Atlantic Caribbean Union Executive Committee may give notice for such a meeting and designate the time and place.**

If severe unforeseeable circumstances in the geographical region of the conference, such as riots, extreme criminal activity, epidemics, pandemics, political or legal changes, adverse weather conditions, or events of nature, make it imperative to postpone the calling of the constituency meeting, the union conference or union mission executive committee, in a regular or special meeting, shall have authority to make such postponement, giving notice to all constituent organizations. Such postponement shall not exceed one year.

In the event that the executive committee exercises its authority to postpone a constituency meeting, it shall also have the authority to set the subsequent regular constituency meeting at such time and place as it shall see fit, not to exceed four calendar years from the date of the postponed constituency meeting.

Notice of the time and place of the meeting of the delegates representing the members shall be given by:

- a. A notice printed in the official publication of the Atlantic Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists at least four weeks before the date of the session, or
- b. A method approved by the South Bahamas Conference Executive Committee, provided all member units receive notice with sufficient time to select delegates.
- c. **A method approved by the Atlantic Caribbean Union Executive Committee in the event of inaction or non-compliance by the South Bahamas Conference Executive Committee.**

## **Section 2. Special Meeting:**

**a. The executive committee of this conference shall call a special constituency when:**

- 1. It is voted by the executive committee, or**
- 2. It is voted by the delegates at any constituency meeting, or**
- 3. It is requested by 75% of the churches of the conference through their church boards, or**
- 4. It is voted by the Atlantic Caribbean Union Executive Committee, Inter-American Division Executive Committee, or General Conference Executive Committee.**

**The date for such a meeting in response to paragraphs 3) and 4) above shall not be more than 90 days from the date when the actions described in paragraphs 3) and 4) above are communicated to the officers/executive committee of the Atlantic Caribbean Union.**

**b. In the absence of a timely response by the executive committee to paragraphs 2) through 4) in Sec. 2a. above the Atlantic Caribbean Union Executive Committee or the Inter-American Division Executive Committee may call a special constituency meeting of the conference and designate the time and place for such a meeting.**

**c. The agenda for special constituency meeting shall be included in the notice of the meeting.**

**d. Notice as to the time and place of special constituency meetings shall be given in the same manner as for regularly scheduled constituency meetings.**

**e. The president of the next higher organization or his designee will preside over the session if the president of the conference is unable or unwilling to open and chair the session.**

## **Section 3. Virtual Attendance at Constituency Meetings:**

Generally, regular and specially called constituency meetings are to be held in person and onsite. However, delegates when requested by the executive committee, and if permitted by local law, may participate by telephonic, electronic, or other similar means of communication by which all persons can hear each other at the same time (hereinafter referred to as “electronic communications”), and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person and attendance at such a meeting.

## **Section 4. Chair and Secretary for Constituency Meetings:**

**The president of this conference shall serve as chair and the secretary of this conference shall serve as secretary for constituency meetings of the conference. The president may designate other individuals to assist in chair duties from time to time. In the event that the president’s office is vacant or that the president is unavailable to serve as chair, the constituency meeting may be called to order by the ranking union officer present.**

**The first item of business shall be the election of a chair pro tem, selected from the delegates present at the meeting. When the election of a president has been completed, the new or re-elected president, if present at the constituency meeting, shall replace the chair pro tem. In a similar manner, arrangements may be made for secretary pro tem if the secretary's office is vacant or the secretary is unavailable to serve at the constituency meeting. When election of a secretary has been completed, the new or re-elected secretary, if present at the constituency meeting, shall replace the secretary pro tem. A person who is not re-elected in a constituency meeting does not thereby lose delegate status at the current constituency meeting.**

#### **Section 5. Regular Meeting Business:**

**The business of the regular constituency meeting shall include the election/appointment of personnel for various positions (see Sec. 10 below), the receipt of reports from the president, secretary, treasurer (report based on audited statements), departmental directors, and the auditor. The constituency meeting shall endorse/approve/develop plans for the conduct of the work as are desirable and in harmony with the policies of the Inter-American Division.**

#### **Section 6. Quorum:**

At least 30 percent of the delegates authorized hereinafter under Section 1, a and b of Article III must be present at any regular or special constituency meeting to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Once the meeting is declared open, the delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

#### **Section 7. Proxy Voting:**

**All delegates must be present in person at any constituency meeting, or participating by electronic communications, in order to be eligible to vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.**

#### **Section 8. Voting Rights of the Delegates:**

Each delegate appointed to act on behalf of the members of this conference shall be entitled to one vote on each question to be decided by the body. The voting rights of the individual delegates representing the members as hereinafter provided shall be limited to the particular constituency meeting of the conference in which they have been designated to represent a local church, an institution, the Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists – Inter-American Division or the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

#### **Section 9. Voting:**

**The voting on matters of business shall normally be by voice. The chair may call for the vote by other means, including secret ballot, when it is deemed advisable or is requested by the membership.** Votes cast electronically shall have the same validity as if the delegates met and voted onsite.

## **Section 10. Parliamentary Authority:**

The parliamentary authority pertaining to all rules and procedures for constituency meetings not covered by its bylaws shall be based on those published in the General Conference Rules of Order unless otherwise determined by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the constituency meeting.

## **Section 11. Election/Appointment and Term of Office:**

- a. **Election:** All officers and members of the executive committee who are not *ex officio* members shall be elected by the delegates at the regular meeting of the conference constituency. The election of departmental directors, associate departmental directors, associate secretaries, or associate treasurers, if not determined by the delegates at the conference constituency meeting, shall be referred to the executive committee for appointment.
- b. **Term of Office:** Persons elected at the constituency meeting and those appointed by the executive committee normally serve until the next regular constituency meeting. However, their period of service may be shorter due to resignation, voluntary retirement, retirement in situations where a mandatory retirement age policy is in effect, or removal from office, for cause, by the executive committee or a special constituency meeting.

## **Section 12. Annual Meeting:**

The officers of the local conference shall convene an annual meeting of representatives of all its churches to report on the progress of the quadrennial program and finances of the local conference.

## **Article III Representation**

**Section 1. The delegates at any constituency meeting of this conference shall be regular delegates and delegates at large.**

### **a. Regular Delegates:**

**All delegates duly accredited by any one of the organized churches of the conference.** Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each 150 members or major fraction thereof beyond the first 75 and **who hold membership in the local church, which accredits them.** Such delegates shall be chosen by the business meeting of the respective local church.

### **b. Delegates at large:**

1. **All members of the Executive Committee of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.**
2. **All members of the Executive Committee of the Atlantic Caribbean**

**Union, Inter-American Division and General Conference who may be present at any constituency meeting of this conference.**

- 3. All employees holding credentials or ministerial licenses issued by this conference.**
- 4. Members of the General Conference Division Executive Committee who may be present at any constituency meeting of this conference. The number of such delegates representing the Division shall not exceed ten percent of the total number of delegates otherwise provided for.**
- 5. Such other persons** as may be recommended by the Executive Committee and accepted by vote of the delegates in session; the number of delegates thus seated shall not exceed 10 percent of the delegates duly accredited by the organized churches.

**Section 2. All delegates appointed to represent the members of this conference at any constituency meeting shall be members in regular standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.**

#### **Article IV Constituency Committee Meetings**

**Prior to each conference constituency meeting, the executive committee shall provide for such temporary committees as may be necessary to conduct the preliminary work for the session.**

To facilitate the business of the session, constituency meeting committees may convene by means of electronic communications.

**Committees that facilitate the business of the session include:**

Section 1. Organizing Committee:

The organizing committee shall be constituted as follows:

- a. Each church district represented at the constituency meeting shall choose, or empower its delegation to choose, one member, plus one additional member for each 500 members or major fraction thereof beyond the first 250.
- b. The maximum representation any given church district can have in the organizing committee shall be four (4).
- c. The delegates referred to in Article III, Section 1b (1-5), meeting as a group, under the direction of the union president or the person designated by him shall choose for the organizing committee, a number of the representatives of up to (10%) percent of those representatives chosen by the churches to the organizing committee.

- d. The General Conference, Division, and union officers or their designee who may be present shall be invited to sit as counselors.
- e. The chair of the organizing committee shall be the president of Atlantic Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists or his designee.
- f. The organizing committee meeting as a group **shall nominate and the constituency shall elect** the following standing committees:
  - (1) **A Nominating Committee**
  - (2) President and Secretary of the Planning and Recommendations Committee
- g. Members of the organizing committee shall be chosen at or prior to the constituency meeting. If the organizing committee is to meet prior to the constituency meeting, the time and place of the meeting shall be given in the official notice of the meeting.

## **Section 2. Nominating Committee:**

**The nominating committee shall consist of 17 members, including the president of the Atlantic Caribbean Union Mission, or his designee, who shall preside over the meetings and who shall have the right to vote. Up to 45 percent should be lay persons.** The administrators of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists-Inter-American Division and of the Atlantic Caribbean Union or their designees who may be present shall be invited to attend the committee as counselors.

- a. **Those chosen as members of the Nominating Committee must be duly appointed delegates in attendance at the constituency meeting.**
- b. **Persons holding elective office, as outlined in Article II. Sec. 10 in the current term shall not be eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee.**
- c. **The Nominating Committee shall limit its nominations to those positions for which persons are to be elected at the constituency meeting and for which budgetary provisions has been made.**
- d. **The Nominating Committee shall also nominate members for the conference executive committee, the Standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee and for the boards of conference institutions whose bylaws indicate that board members for the entity are elected at a conference constituency meeting.**

## **Section 3. Standing Constitution and Bylaws Committee:**

**The Standing Committee on Constitution shall be composed of five to seven members. It shall include an officer of the Atlantic Caribbean Union and shall be chaired by the secretary of the local conference, or his/her designee.**



**The committee shall function between the regularly scheduled constituency meetings and shall submit its reports and detailed recommendations through the conference executive committee to the next regular constituency meeting.**

**Section 4. Plans and Recommendations Committee:**

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations shall be composed of all the delegates to the session, and shall have a chairman and secretary.

Section 5. The new administration and executive committee shall give due consideration to all plans and resolutions approved at the session and implement those which are financially or otherwise feasible. The conference president shall report to the next quadrennial session concerning the implantation of these recommendations.

**Article V Executive Committee**

**Section 1. Membership:**

**The executive committee of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists shall be elected at its regularly scheduled constituency meeting and shall include the president, secretary, and treasurer of the conference, the full-time—departmental directors, the publishing ministry director, one administrator of the conference institutions on an annual rotating basis, and one other non-office employee. Additionally, 25% of the number mentioned above shall be district pastors. In addition, 55% of the total number mentioned above shall be non-denominational employees. The president shall be the chairman of the committee. The officers of the Atlantic Caribbean Union, of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are members *ex officio* of the local conference executive committee; however, their membership shall be in addition to the number detailed above. Any such officers exercising their voting rights at any one meeting shall not make up more than ten percent of the committee membership present.**

**Section 2. Delegated Authority:**

**The executive committee of this conference, unless replaced at a special constituency session, is delegated the authority to act on behalf of the constituents between regular sessions, including the authority to elect or remove “for cause” persons who have been elected at a Conference constituency meeting, including officers of the conference, directors of departments/services, members of boards and committees whose election or appointment is a result of a constituency meeting or executive committee action and to fill, for the remaining portion of the term, any vacancies thus created. The removal of those named under Article VI. Section 1 shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those voting at an executive committee meeting where a majority of the members is present. On filling vacancies that have been chosen in session, the Executive Committee will seek the advice of the Atlantic Caribbean Union Administrators.**

### **Section 3. Administrative Authority:**

**The executive committee shall have full administrative authority:**

- a. To fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur by death, resignation or otherwise, in its boards, committees, departments, or in offices which have been filled by conference election. **If a new president is to be elected, the president of the Atlantic Caribbean Union or his designee, shall serve as chairperson of the executive committee.**
- b. To appoint committees, such as an administrative committee, with their terms of reference.
- c. To employ ministers, secretaries, and other persons as deemed necessary for the work of the conference.
- d. To grant and withdraw credentials and licenses. The withdrawal of credentials or the removal of those named under Article V, Section 2. of these bylaws shall require the consent of two-thirds of the members of the executive committee.
- e. To appoint area coordinators upon the recommendation of the conference administration to facilitate the work in the field. These shall be appointed at the first plenary meeting of the executive committee after the session.

### **Section 4. Regular Meetings:**

Regular meetings of the executive committee may be called at any time or place by the president.

### **Section 5. Special Meetings:**

Special meetings of the executive committee may be called at any time or place by the president or, in his absence, by the secretary, in consultation with the president of the next higher organization. In response to the written request of the majority of the members of the executive committee a special meeting shall also be called by the secretary, in consultation with the president of the next higher organization.

### **Section 6. Attendance at Meetings:**

**Where allowed by local law, executive committee members may participate in meetings by means of an electronic conference or similar communications by which all persons participating can hear each other at the same time, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting.**

### **Section 7. Notice of Meetings:**

**Notice as to time and place, and any other requirements under these bylaws, shall be provided to all members in a reasonable manner at least 48 hours prior to the meeting if the**

meeting is to take place by electronic conference or similar communications, or at least 72 hours if the meeting is to take place in person.

#### **Section 8. Quorum:**

Five members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum.

### **Article VI Officers**

#### **Section 1. Executive Officers:**

**The executive officers of this conference shall be a president, a secretary, and a treasurer/chief financial officer.** The secretary and the treasurer/chief financial officer may be one individual known as the secretary-treasurer. **It is the duty of these officers, in consultation with one another, to carry forward the work according to plans, policies, and programs voted by the union executive committee, the constituency, and/or the conference executive committee. These plan, policies, and programs shall be in harmony with the doctrines and actions adopted and approved by the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists in its quinquennial sessions.**

- 1. *President:*** The president, who shall be an ordained minister of experience, is the first officer and shall act as chairman of the constituency meetings and the executive committee and serve in the general interests of the South Bahamas Conference as the constituency and the executive committee shall determine. In his leadership he shall adhere to the policies of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists - the Inter-American Division and General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, work in harmony with the Atlantic Committee and in close counsel with the officers of the Atlantic Caribbean Union.
- 2. *Secretary:*** The secretary, associated with the president as an executive officer, shall serve under the direction of the executive committee and shall act as vice-chairperson of the executive committee. The secretary shall report to the executive committee of the conference after consultation with the president. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the minutes of the conference constituency meetings and of the executive committee meetings, to furnish copies of these minutes to all members of the executive committee and to the officers of the Atlantic Caribbean Union. The secretary shall also be responsible for providing information as may be requested by the president or by the executive committee and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office.
- 3. *Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer:*** The treasurer, associated with the president as an executive officer, shall serve under the direction of the executive committee. The treasurer shall report to the executive committee of the conference after consultation with the president. The treasurer shall be responsible for providing financial leadership to the organization which will include, but shall not be limited to, receiving, safeguarding and disbursing all

**funds in harmony with the actions of the executive committee, remitting all required funds to the union/division/General Conference in harmony with the Inter-American Division policy, and for providing financial information to the president and to the executive committee. The treasurer shall also be responsible for providing copies of the financial statements to the Atlantic Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists officers.**

**Section 2. Other Officers:**

Other individuals may serve as officers of the local conference, such as vice president, associate secretary, and associate treasurer.

**Article VII Directors of Departments/Associations/Services**

**Section 1. Advisory Role:**

**The directors of the departments/associations/services of this conference shall work under the direction of the executive committee of the conference and the president and shall serve in an advisory relationship to the field.**

**Section 2. Departments/Services Structure:**

Conference departments/services shall be organized in harmony with the departmental/service structure of the General Conference but shall not necessarily duplicate the department/services in the union, division, or General Conference.

**Article VIII Other Organizations**

**Section 1. Unincorporated Organizations:**

The South Bahamas Conference may carry on its ministry through unincorporated subsidiary organizations. Constituency meetings of such organizations shall be held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled constituency meetings of the conference.

**Section 2. Corporations:**

**The South Bahamas Conference may form corporate bodies provided it obtains prior approval of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists - Inter-American Division. Membership meetings and elections of boards of directors shall be held as provided by articles and bylaws of the corporations and in harmony with applicable laws.**

- a. The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists - Inter-American Division has authorized, through the Atlantic Caribbean Union, the establishment of a Non-for-Profit Corporation by the Conference.
- b. The purpose of the Corporation is to hold property and conduct business in accordance with the mission of the Conference in its territory.
- c. At each Regular quadrennial session of the Conference, the delegates shall elect the

Trustees of the Conference Corporation.

- d. The Executive Committee shall appoint or employ agents and other persons as necessary to execute its work effectively.

## **Article IX Finance**

### **Section 1. Tithes and Offerings:**

**The church funds managed by this conference shall consist of such portion of tithe, including direct tithe, as it shall be assigned by policy and as received from within its territory, and such gifts, legacies, bequests, devises, appropriations, reverted funds, and other donations as may be made to it.**

### **Section 2. Policies:**

**The portion of the tithe which is reserved for this conference, as specified by policy, and all other funds shall be used in harmony with the financial policies of the Atlantic Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists - Inter-American Division and in the case of donations, their use shall be in harmony with the specifications of donors and in compliance with government regulations. Tithe is shared with the union and division on fixed percentages as set by the division executive committee, and with the General Conference on fixed percentages as set by the Annual Council of the General Conference Executive Committee.**

### **Section 3. Bank Accounts:**

**The funds of this conference shall be safeguarded in harmony with the financial policies of the Atlantic Caribbean Union of the Seventh-day Adventists and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Inter-American Division. Moneys shall be deposited in the name of the South Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in regular or special accounts, in such banks or savings institutions as the executive committee shall designate and shall be withdrawn only by persons authorized by resolution of the executive committee.**

### **Section 4. Financial Statements:**

**The South Bahamas Conference shall prepare regularly appropriate statements of income and fund balances and shall be responsible for the filing of any financial information directly with the Atlantic Caribbean Union and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists – Inter American Division and, to the extent required by law, with any branch of local or national government.**

## **Article X Budget, Salary Employee Compensation, Review, and Financial Audit**

### **Section 1. Budget:**

**The South Bahamas Conference shall prepare an annual budget in harmony with the policies of the Atlantic Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists - Inter-American Division.**

### **Section 2. Employee Compensation and Expense Review:**

**The executive committee shall appoint an employee compensation review committee whose tasks are outlined in General Conference Working Policy.**

### **Section 3. Independent Audit:**

**All accounting records of this conference shall be audited at least annually by an auditor chosen in harmony with General Conference Working Policy and the records of this conference or any of its subsidiaries, agencies, or institutions shall at all times be open to said auditor.**

### **Section 4. Auditor of Church Records:**

The conference auditor shall audit the membership records of the local church secretary, the accounting records of the local church treasurer, the primary, intermediate and secondary day schools, industries, clinics and any other subsidiary organization of the conference and the campaign expense of evangelistic teams at least once a year. He shall present a written report of the organizations audited to the officers of the conference and the relevant departmental directors; copies of the written report of the secondary schools and industries are to be sent to the union treasurer and the area auditor.

## **Article XI Indemnification**

This conference shall indemnify any person who is serving or has served as a member of the executive committee, or as an officer or departmental director of the conference (and his/her executor, administrator, and heirs) against all reasonable expenses (including, but not limited to judgments, costs, and legal fees) actually and necessarily incurred by him/her in connection with the defense of any litigation, action, suit, or proceeding, civil, criminal, or administrative, to which he/she may have been a party by reason of being or having been a member of the executive committee, or an officer or departmental director of the conference, except he/she shall have no right to reimbursement for matters in which he/she has been adjudged liable to the conference for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his/her duties.

This right of indemnification shall be in addition to, and not exclusive of, all other rights to which such member of the executive committee, or an officer or department director may be entitled.

*(Note: This right of indemnification may be expanded or contracted as allowed under local law and as adopted by the constituents.)*

## **Article XII Amendments**

**Amendment, Revision, and Repeal:** The bylaws of this conference which are essential to the unity of the Church worldwide and are designated in bold print shall be amended or revised from time to time in order to comply with changes to the Model Local Conference Constitution and Bylaws as voted by the General Conference Executive Committee in its annual meetings. Such amendments or revisions shall be approved by a simple majority vote (unless local law requires a higher majority) of the delegates present and voting at any duly called constituency meeting of the local conference. Other sections of the bylaws may be amended, revised, or repealed, in like manner, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting, provided such changes are in harmony with the spirit of the Model Local Conference Constitution and Bylaws, and have been processed through the conference executive committee. Notice of any proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws of this conference shall be given specifically in conjunction with the publication of notice for the session.

The constituency or the conference executive committee may recommend to the General Conference through the Atlantic Caribbean Union of Seventh-day Adventists and the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists- Inter-American Division amendments to the Model Local Conference Constitution and Bylaws.

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