

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
PETITION TO THE 2006 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE
GENERAL CONFERENCE 2008

**TITLE: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES - COMMITTEE ON PASTOR-PARISH
RELATIONS OR STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS**

2004 BOOK OF DISCIPLINE REFERENCE: 259.2(e)

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:

1 -----To fulfill his or her obligation under ordination, his or her connectional responsibility under
2 appointment, and his or her duty as a pastor, the pastor *should* shall be present at each meeting of
3 the committee on pastor-parish relations or staff-parish relations except where he or she
4 voluntarily excuses himself or herself. ----- The committee shall always meet in closed session,
5 and information shared in the committee shall be confidential.

NOTE: UNDERLINE WORDS ARE ADDITION TO CURRENT STATEMENT
ITALIC WORDS ARE REMOVED

ORIGINATOR OF THE PETITION

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RATIONALE: Not debatable

6 To modify the language to ensure that pastors are the first to know about a possible change.
7 Clergy should be involved in every step and not be excluded from the consultative process. The
8 district superintendent should be the initiator of the consultative process by informing clergy of
9 issues that may negatively impact his or her ministry. At this point, the district superintendent
10 and clergy should discuss whether the pastor would attend a meeting of pastor-parish relations or
11 staff-parish relations committee meetings. Any verbal, written, or email communication from
12 anyone concerning the ministry of the clergy should become part of the clergy personnel file and
13 shared with the clergy. Confidential matters e.g., pastoral change, salary/compensation, personnel
14 actions should not be communicated via the Internet. The Internet is not conducive to
15 maintaining the required standard of confidentiality.