

## **Item 09 – Recommendation for the Suspension of Division V of the Standing Rules**

*Adopted as Amended in Plenary Session*

Be it resolved that the rules in Division V of the Standing Rules be suspended for a period of two years for the purpose of allowing flexibility and innovation in re-aligning the work of the Annual Conference with the four areas of mission focus identified by the Council of Bishops and affirmed by the major Boards and Agencies of the General Church. That the Bishop name a team to facilitate the transition with the goal of bringing new standing rules for Division V of the standing Rules to the 2012 Annual Conference Session. The transition team will work collaboratively with conference leaders during the transition and bring a progress report to the 2011 Annual Conference Session. Be it further resolved that this suspension of the rules in no way intends to abrogate or dismiss any provisions of the UM Discipline.