

Comparing the Options

(Workstream 3: Governance and Resourcing)

Section 6 of the Act 2 report (pp. 46-57)

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Option 4

Local Council

This council has the commission: "building up the Congregation in faith and love, sustaining its members in hope, and leading them into a fuller participation in Christ's mission in the world." (Basis of Union, Paragraph 15b).

This council is responsible for the day-to-day governance and oversight of a community of faith (or group of communities), including worship, the sacraments, pastoral care, local mission and administration. Depending on capacity, it would also be responsible for local property, finance and compliance.

Field Council

Oversight of local communities of faith and those called to the specified ministries.

Support Local Councils to fulfill the administration directly related to their local ministry and mission.

Responsible for matters beyond the capacity and capability of Local Councils.

Oversight of some schools, colleges, agencies and other institutions. (See also: *National Council*)

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Support Local Councils (with the Regional Council) to fulfill the administration directly relate to their local ministry and mission.

Responsible for matters beyond the capacity and capability of Local Councils.

Regional Council

All matters of property, finance and compliance.

Amending regulations subject to the Constitution.

Public voice and advocacy.

Standards and oversight of theological education and colleges.

Formal discipline procedures.

Responsible for matters beyond the capacity of Local Councils.

Oversight of schools, colleges, agencies and other institutions.

Administering the Property Trusts.

Distribution of resources across the Area and National Councils so they can fulfill responsibilities.

Matters of property, finance and compliance (shared with Area Councils).

Governance of theological colleges.

Formal discipline procedures.

Oversight of schools, colleges, agencies and other institutions.

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Public voice and advocacy.
Amending regulations subject to the Constitution.
Oversight of national agencies.
Shared administration where context is less relevant.
Standards and oversight of theological education including the governance of theological colleges.
Formal discipline procedures.
Oversight of some schools, colleges, agencies and other institutions. (see also: *Field Council*)

Option 2

Matters of core identity.
Amending the Constitution

Option 3

Matters of core identity.
Public voice and advocacy.
Amending regulations subject to the Constitution.
Oversight of national agencies.
Shared administration where context is less relevant.
Standards and oversight of theological education including the governance of colleges.
Formal discipline procedures.
Oversight of some schools, colleges, agencies and other institutions. (see also: *Area Council*)

Option 4

Matters of core identity.
Public voice and advocacy.
Amending regulations subject to the Constitution.
Oversight of national agencies.
Standards for theological education.

** Option 4 is the closest to the distribution of responsibilities currently described in the Constitution and Regulations.*

National Council

