

# Plenary Floor Motion April 23, 2024 No. 4

In the afternoon plenary session on April 23, 2024, David Livingston of the Great Plains Annual Conference made the following motion related to the Commission on the General Conference Report:

*A resolution expressing concern about participation from outside the U.S.*

Whereas, central conference delegations at general conference have historically not been fully seated, including more than 30 delegates at the 2016 and 2019 sessions, and

Whereas, the 2020 general conference held in 2024 has an even greater discrepancy than previous conferences, and

Whereas, in the weeks leading up to this General Conference, the Commission on General Conference staff have not provided clear and transparent information about reasons for the levels of participation from central conferences, invitation letters, flights, housing, and delegate information, and

Whereas, this lack of transparency has created rumors of conspiracy and questions of credibility, and

Whereas, having not held a regular session of General Conference since 2016, it is not reasonable or plausible to delay denominational action by postponing or canceling General Conference again,

Therefore, be it resolved that, the 2020 General Conference

1. Affirms the concerns raised by central conferences and others about the large discrepancy between the number of delegates allocated and the number in attendance from central conferences.

2. Implores the Secretary of the General Conference to submit a written report to be published in the DCA, to explain, with clarity and full transparency, why this discrepancy as well as delays in housing, flights, invitation letters, and delegate information occurred.

3. Instructs the General Commission on General Conference to include proportional representation from each central or regional conference in planning future sessions to assure that specific concerns of each region are adequately addressed. And,

Be it further resolved that, while we acknowledge that the gathered session is valid and duly called based on Paragraph 506, we urge the delegates to the 2020 General Conference to make every effort to listen to and carefully consider voices from regions that are underrepresented so that the decisions of the body represent the will of the whole denomination as best as possible.

The plenary moved to adopt this motion by a vote of 669 yes, 40 no.