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ICOC 3.0 Finances Task Force Options



Background

- As reported in the global discussion results, 78% of participants answered “Yes” to the question: “Do you believe that if given a clear explanation, and time for implementation, that churches in your part of the fellowship would be **open** to supporting “brotherhood efforts”? *(emphasis added to highlight a willingness to consider)*
- We have experience using collective financing for HOPE worldwide, Disciples Today, ICOC Hot News, and the recently established ICOC Events non-profit.



I Corinthians 16:1-4—Funds collected for a purpose beyond a local ministry

Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. Then, when I arrive, I will give letters of introduction to the men you approve and send them with your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable for me to go also, they will accompany me.



2 Corinthians 8:16-24—Attention paid to the administration and accountability of funds

Thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you. For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative. And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel. What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help. We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of man.

In addition, we are sending with them our brother who has often proved to us in many ways that he is zealous, and now even more so because of his great confidence in you. As for Titus, he is my partner and co-worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ. Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it.



Finances Task Force Proposed Options

In light of a possible desire among leaders to consider supporting “brotherhood efforts” and because other Task Forces are identifying financial needs in their areas, the Finances Task Force proposes the following options:

- **OPTION A:** To establish a Unity Entity to oversee funds for brotherhood needs.
- **OPTION B:** Brotherhood needs would be handled without global funding or coordination. A range of alternative solutions could be found. For example, current solicitation of individual churches to meet needs could continue, or regional families of churches could coordinate funding in their own regions, if desired.



Oversight & Accountability of the Unity Entity *(if this is the consensus in Chicago)*

BOARD SELECTION OPTION A:

DIVERSE REPRESENTATION—nomination from these groups (or their future equivalents):

- One (1) Director nominated by the Administrators Service Team
- One half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of remaining Directors nominated by the Elders & Evangelists Service Teams (3 or 4 directors, depending upon the size of the board)
- One half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of remaining Directors nominated by the Regional Chairmen (3 or 4 directors, depending upon the size of the board)
- With the goal that at least two (2) of the Directors be from outside of the Service Teams (or their equivalents)



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BOARD SELECTION OPTION B:

PRIMARILY REGIONAL FAMILY REPRESENTATION—nomination from these groups (or their future equivalents):

- One (1) Director nominated by the Administrators Service Team
- One (1) or two (2) Directors nominated by Elders & Evangelists Service Teams
- All of the remaining Directors nominated by the Regional Chairmen
- With the goal that no more than two (2) of the Directors be from the same continent



Task Force Recommendations for Board *(if creating Entity is the consensus in Chicago)*

- Optimal number for Board members is 7-9 people.
- Board will select its own chairperson.
- Board members would serve two-year terms, for a maximum of two terms. Members rotate off board, preserving experience but providing fresh perspectives.
- Board may appoint officer(s) to manage the Entity who are not members of the Board (e.g., an administrative secretary/treasurer).
- Procedures and guidelines should be adopted to expedite fund disbursements within proper limits (i.e., limits of authority on how much can be disbursed upon what level of approval).



Option

A



Option

B



Or



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The Finances Task Force looks forward to the consensus in Chicago to chart its work for the next several months. We eagerly await the Holy Spirit's direction among us.

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