

CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE “O” Presidency Review Group

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INFORMATION

DECISIONS:

1. The report is received
2. Conference notes the significance, for Te Taha Moari and for the Church as a whole, of Te Taha Maori's core question, "Would Tauwiwi accept a gay or lesbian person as President or Vice President?"
3. Conference asks Tauwiwi Strategy Meeting to facilitate wide discussion around Te Taha Maori's core question and ensure a response is shared with Hui Poari during 2007.
4. Conference asks the Council of Conference to appoint people to prepare discussion starters for the whole church on the following topics:
 - a. Theological understandings of leadership
 - b. The role and understanding of the President as 'Chief Pastor'
 - c. Questions around the title structure and term and related aspects of the Presidency
5. Conference asks the Law Revision Committee to revise the wording of Sections 7.5.1.7(e)-(h) in the *Laws and Regulations* (the process of the 5+5 Panel and its reporting back to Conference) to make clear that the 5+5 Panel reports a decision to the General Secretary, not a recommendation. It is suggested that the report be in the form, "The 5+5 panel processes have been followed, and the decisions are..."
6. Conference asks the Law Revision Committee to revise the current regulation (Law Book clause 7.5.1.7) to enable Synods and Hui Poari to nominate up to two persons for each position of President and Vice President.
7. Conference asks Council of Conference to prepare guidelines for Presidential Nominees to use in formatting their profiles for the Conference Agenda and submit the guidelines to Synods, Hui Poari and Conference during 2007.
8. Conference asks the Pastoral Committee to include in its annual business the pastoral support of nominees for President and Vice President in all aspects of the nomination and selection processes.