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TIME OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Board of General Superintendents, Mid-Atlantic District Resolutions Committee,
South Central Ohio District Resolutions Committee and District Advisory Board,
Northwestern Ohio District General Assembly Resolutions Committee, and Kansas
City District
Manual 302

RESOLVED that *Manual* paragraph 302 be amended as follows:

302. The General Assembly shall meet in the month of June, every [fourth] fifth year, at such time and place determined by a General Assembly Commission composed of the general superintendents and an equal number of persons chosen by the Board of General Superintendents. The General Assembly Commission shall have power, in case of an emergency, to change the time and place of the meeting of the General Assembly.

REASONS:

1. Increasing the interval of time between General Assemblies by one year will allow for regions to develop plans and strategies for gatherings to promote the mission and develop training opportunities for their districts.
2. Local churches, districts, and regions will have an extra year to prepare for the expense of their delegates, potentially increasing participation.
3. The time needed for non USA/Canada delegates and visitors to save funds to attend a General Assembly and/or Global Convention is greater with ever-increasing costs. Global Mission district leadership also advises that an additional year between general assemblies would reduce the intensity of distractions from the Church’s primary mission and goal.
4. Allows for regional or national conventions to be held.
5. Cost reduction in terms of Global Church Budget and District Budget.
6. This change translates into better ecological stewardship on the part of the Church.
7. A five-year interval would preserve the value of regular conference while assisting with the careful management of resources for mission.
8. The increasing costs associated with the General Assembly place an undue financial strain on districts and the General Church, lessening the resources available for the greater priority of the church’s mission.

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- 9. The Church of the Nazarene has now grown to a level of stability and maturity in structure and operation that allows for less frequent General Assemblies without hindering the operation and mission of the Church.

- 10. The additional time would allow for the possibility of regional gatherings that are more contextual and mission focused.