

COUNCIL OF ELDERS AGENDA—December 2007

- **Chairman's Opening Comments**
- **Approval of the Minutes**
- **President's Unified Report**
- **Strategic Planning Update and Final Review of Survey Questions**
 - Update on the timeline for strategic planning.
 - Full review of the survey questions assembled by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, which will form the surveys of employees, GCE members, Church members and subscribers.
- **Resolution to Rescind May 2007 Relocation Ballot**
 - Five members of the Council of Elders have submitted to the secretary for inclusion in the agenda for the 2008 annual meeting of the GCE a resolution to rescind the May 2007 relocation ballot. With property approved for purchase and an obligation to act upon a GCE-approved ballot to relocate, how do we proceed from here?
- **Discussion on Milam Road Property Development**
- **Proposed Amendments to the Governing Documents**
 - Fulfill Council obligation to review proposed amendments for the 2008 GCE meeting.
- **Executive Session**
 - Ordinations and credentialings.
 - Employee/personnel issues.
 - Legal update.
- **GCE Planning Committee Update on 2008 GCE Meeting**
 - Update on planning for the 2008 annual meeting of the GCE.
 - Nomination process concerns. Response from GCE members indicates a need to explain to GCE members that we wish all who are able and willing to serve to put their names forward in order to overcome a natural aversion to self-promotion.
 - Confirm location for the 2008 GCE meeting.
 - Confirm the date for the 2009 GCE meeting.
 - Discuss proactive steps that can be taken to discourage bloc voting.
- **Elder Profiles on the Web Site**
 - Need to give Ministerial Services the go-ahead for a Web site containing elder profiles.

- **Festival-Related Issues**
 - Festival 2007 video review and direction for the 2008 video.
 - Revisit questions related to offertory messages and choir direction.

- **International Council Representatives**
 - Discussion on merits of having formalized international reports.
 - Discuss merits of having updated definition of roles of international representatives of the Council.

- **Elder's Forum Task Force Update**
 - Update on progress by this task force.
 - Any Elder's Forum-related discussions.

- **GCE Planning Task Force Update**

- **Issues Related to the Duties of the Secretary**
 - Secretary suggestions on Council record-keeping practices.
 - Banking resolution brought forward by the secretary requiring Council approval.
 - Confirm dates for Council of Elders meetings in 2009.