

SUBJECT: **Commissions and Departments**

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RELATED TO:

Rating: **A**

ASSIGNED:

ACTION: Ministry Committee:
General Conference:

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Christian Education and the Department of Growth
2 Ministries (formerly Evangelism) and the Commissions of the Board of
3 Administration of the FMCNA have been abolished by action of the BOA, and

4 WHEREAS, abolition of the departments and commissions was proposed by the
5 BOB to the BOA as a test only until the 2003 General Conference and if turnaround
6 did not occur the church would revert to the former plan, and

7 WHEREAS, the functions of these departments were given to another Board with a
8 net decrease in staff and little practical material has been produced to fulfill the
9 former functions, and

10 WHEREAS, the functions of the commissions was assumed by the entire BOA, but
11 operations cannot be studied in depth because of time limitations by the BOA, and

12 WHEREAS, the BOA does not have committees authorized to specifically address
13 questions or policy and operation as formerly, and not all members of the BOA are
14 even on one of the committees that do exist, and

15 WHEREAS, lay membership has dropped 1,214 in the United States during 2000
16 and 2001 from 70,556 to 69,342 while the total clergy membership has increased
17 by 14 in the same period, resulting in a total lay and clergy membership loss of
18 1,200 members, according to the Yearbook,

19 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

20 that the Department of Christian Education and the Department of Growth
21 Ministries be reinstated with permanent manager, staff, and their budgets
22 that were transferred to other departments be restored, and the commission
23 structure of the Board of Administration be reinstated.