

SUBJECT: **Buildings and Location Committee**

BY: Great Plains Conference / David Kendall

RELATED TO: Par. A/859.3, A/859.4

Rating: **A**

ASSIGNED:

ACTION: Ministry Committee:
General Conference:

1 WHEREAS, it is wise to have conference level input in local church property
2 matters, and

3 WHEREAS, it is best to allow a conference flexibility to care for its business in
4 contextually appropriate ways, and

5 WHEREAS, the current *Book of Discipline* mandates a Committee on Buildings and
6 Locations for all conferences with very limited responsibility, and

7 WHEREAS, the current *Book of Discipline* reflects past conference and local church
8 reality when church building projects and relocation efforts occurred less frequently
9 than the present, and

10 WHEREAS, we seek to bring all organizational structures into line with
11 denominational and congregational mission,

12 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

13 that the *Book of Discipline* no longer mandate a Committee on Buildings and
14 Locations; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

16 that the *Book of Discipline* be edited accordingly, as follows:

17 A/859.3. No houses of worship, parsonages or other buildings shall be
18 purchased or erected on leased ground, except on reservations or in other
19 places where it is impossible to secure a deed in fee, or without the
20 ~~unanimous~~ written consent of the church ~~building and locations~~

21 ~~committee~~ **BOA** of the annual conference in whose territory the property
22 is situated.

23 A/859.4. ~~Each annual conference shall appoint a committee of not less~~
24 ~~than three on "Church Buildings and Locations," and n~~ **No** real property
25 shall be purchased or building ~~erected~~ **constructed** within the bounds of
26 the conference without ~~this committee's~~ written approval **of the**
27 **conference Board of Administration. The BOA shall approve in writing**
28 ~~both~~ of the location, and the plan of the building, and of the title of the
29 property. When a church building is involved, ~~this committee~~ **the BOA**
30 shall make sure that proper accommodations have been made for the
31 Sunday School before giving its approval.