

**PROPOSED *RULES OF ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS* CHANGES
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AC FUNDING ASPECTS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN**

The following *RAO* changes will be brought to the 39th General Assembly, contingent upon the approval of the *BCO* amendments by two-thirds of the presbyteries and subsequent approval by the General Assembly. *RAO* changes require a two-thirds majority of commissioners present, which must be one-half of the enrollment of the General Assembly (*RAO* Article XX.).

Amend *RAO* 4-11 as follows:

In §4-11, add a new ¶5 and new ¶6.

Financial support for the Administrative Committee shall come from Annual Registration Fees of churches, teaching elders, and Presbyteries. Honorably Retired teaching elders are exempted from this Annual Registration Fee. The Annual Registration Fee schedule needed to support the Administrative Committee Budget shall be presented to the General Assembly annually for approval as part of the approval of the Administrative Committee Budget of that particular year. The management of the Annual Registration Fees shall be by the Administrative Committee. The Administrative Committee shall annually report to the General Assembly all churches that are delinquent two or more years in the submission of Annual Registration Fees in order that the General Assembly may take appropriate action.

The Annual Registration Fee for churches may not exceed four-tenths of one percent (0.4%, 4/10%) of local church Tithes and Offerings unless amended in the following manner:

1. Approval of the proposed increase by a majority of commissioners present and voting in the General Assembly, and its recommendation to the Presbyteries, and
2. The advice and consent of a majority of Presbyteries that report their actions on the proposed increase to the subsequent General Assembly.

In §4-11, the present ¶5 would become ¶7.

After the proposed amendments to the *BCO* and *RAO* are finally approved and the AC Funding Plan is implemented, the General Assembly Commissioner's Registration Fee (now mentioned in *RAO* 10-4) would need to be eliminated. Elimination of the Commissioner's Registration Fee could be accomplished by either deleting present *RAO* 10-4, or by interpreting the present *RAO* 10-4 in light of the revised *RAO* 4-11, inasmuch as, according to *Roberts Rules of Order*, a specific rule takes precedence over a general rule, *RONR* (10th ed.), p. 571, ll. 8-23.