

Creating a Proposal to be consider by the Regional Council:

Proposals can be created to be considered by the Regional Council or the Regional Council Executive. A “proposal” is a formal request for the council to take action. It is one way that a United Church member may raise an issue that is important to them and ask for the church to take action on it.

The 2019 Manual, Section F, describes in detail how a proposal may be submitted. The outline below also provides a template for creating a proposal. Proposals can be submitted before the Regional Council meeting, to be circulated in the Regional meeting workbook or, a proposal can be submitted to the Agenda and Business table before the scheduled close of submission of new business, during our Regional Meeting. See the CSRC Meeting agenda for specific close of business time.

Proposal [template] (also see 2019 Manual, Section F, Initiating Action and Change)

1. What is the issue? (describe in broad terms)

We believe God/Jesus/Holy Spirit is calling us to:

- do something about...
- engage the topic of...
- respond to the challenge of...
- etc.

Note: *Proposals for the Regional Council are for issues of Regional Council responsibility that are within the bounds of the Regional Council. Proposals can also be created for consideration, to be forwarded to the General Council by the Regional Council (see Section F of the 2019 Manual, Section F, Initiating Action and Change)*

2. Why is this issue important?

What are the key underlying theological, ecclesiological, missional, or justice issues?

What is the history/background of this issue?

What are the principles informing this issue?

3. How might the Regional Council respond to the issue?

Name a possible response that the Regional Council might consider:

- A. Study/Discussion of the issue;
- B. Action on the issue;

This could include:

- Regional Council directing that a policy/strategy be developed based on specified principles and parameters;
- Regional Council adopting a policy position/strategy;
- Regional Council encouraging/suggesting action by congregations and other communities of faith on the issue.

Note to 3.A: *The Regional Council could be asked to have a conversation about a particular issue as an end in itself without making a policy decision or taking other action.*

Note to 3.B: *Suggestions for wording of a policy/strategy could be offered as possibilities for consideration in the decision-making process but not as expectations of a particular outcome.*

4. For the courts transmitting this proposal to the Regional Council or General Council:

Are there comments, affirmations, suggestions you would like to make with respect to this proposal?