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1. What is the issue?

Before the restructuring in 2019, Presbyteries had the ability to appoint up to 10 lay members at large. The Conferences were also able to increase their membership with representatives of lay organizations the Conference recognized. This ability was lost during the transition to regional council structure. The ability of a regional council to elect at-large members is important to reflect the diversity within the regional council and have the benefit of these members' input and wisdom.

Full text of the proposal attached below.

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