

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE GUIDEPOSTS FOR 2016 GENERAL CONFERENCE
GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION & MINISTRY
IN PREPARATION FOR 2016 GENERAL CONFERENCE

These guideposts will guide the GBHEM in developing, vetting and approving GBHEM-endorsed legislation to the 2016 General Conference.

1. Petitions need to be developed and reviewed through collaboration with other partners in ministry.
2. Petitions written and submitted by one individual will not be considered by GBHEM.
3. The act of the board's approval of a petition shall be an act of the entire board. It is the responsibility of the board members to educate others and interpret the petition as a representative of the GBHEM, regardless of one's personal opinion about the petition.
4. Once a paragraph of the BOD is "opened" through a petition, any part of that paragraph can be considered for change at the General Conference. Therefore, before opening any paragraph, ask, "Does the reward of making an intended change outweigh the risk of unintended change(s)?"
5. Make sure the language intended for the BOD matches the intended outcome of the petition.
6. Ask, "Is proposed legislation the only way to answer the question or solve the problem?"
7. Ask, "Are we legislating for the exception or to avoid problems/issues?"