

The 69th Biennial Convention of the Unity of the Brethren
Hus Encampment, Caldwell, TX
July 9th, 2021

**Decisions for Referendum &
Election of Lay Representative**

August 9, 2021

Decisions for Referendum: The following decisions passed by the 69th Unity Convention are being sent to all congregations of the Unity of the Brethren for referendum vote. Except where noted, the Unity of the Brethren By-Laws, Article IV. Conventions, Paragraph S states that the following convention decisions shall become valid only after a simple majority of the congregations of the Unity of the Brethren have approved the decisions in a referendum by a simple majority vote in a meeting called for this purpose:

1. Decisions concerning financial matters.
2. Any decisions failing to receive a two-thirds majority vote by the Convention's membership.
3. Constitution revisions (Requires two-thirds majority vote by two-thirds of the congregations).
4. By-Laws revisions.

Election of a Lay Representative to the Synodical Committee: Each congregation elects one lay representative at a congregational meeting called for the referendum vote (Constitution – Art. V. Administration, A.2). This person serves until the next convention. Included in the responsibilities of the lay representative are to attend Synodical Committee meetings and to keep their church informed of all proceedings, announcements, etc.

These items are to be acted upon in a congregational meeting, and the results mailed to the Synodical Executive Assistant:

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These results must be received no later than **September 30, 2021**. Failure to return the referendum by the stated deadline will result in the congregation being counted as favorable towards all decisions of the Convention. The congregation's secretary must sign the form (if emailed – type name). Please make a copy of the results for your records.

Sincerely,

Liz Ripple, Executive Assistant
Unity of the Brethren

The following motion concerns a financial matter:

1. MOTION from the Executive Committee: That the salary of the State Youth Coordinator be increased from \$23,000/yr. to \$24,500/yr. with an expense allowance of \$1,800/yr.
Second by Sandra Stepan (Fayetteville). Passes unanimously. (reference pg. 5 of the Convention Minutes)

Executive Assistant Note: Currently, the State Youth Coordinator's salary is funded from the Educational Ministries allotment (currently at 35%), voluntary contributions from congregations and Unity organizations - Mutual Aid contributes \$1,000.00 a year and Major Gifts \$8,000.00 a year. We also need to make sure the Unity's half of the FICA tax is covered (\$1,874.25) for a total of \$26,374.25 plus \$1,800.00 for expenses. Total package: \$28,174.25.

There were no motions that failed to receive a two-thirds majority vote by the **Convention's membership.**

There were no motions concerning Constitution or By-Laws revisions.