The Life of a General Assembly Resolution

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The Birth of a Resolution
A recognized ministry or congregation of the Church submits a resolution to the Office of the General Minister and President 180 days before the start of the General Assembly.

Preparing the Resolution
The General Minister and President works with the submitters to prepare the resolution for the General Board.

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The General Board works in small groups to edit, fact check, etc. the resolution for the General Assembly.

FORWARDING THE RESOLUTION
The General Board votes to recommend that the Assembly adopt, not adopt or refer the resolution. It also assigns 12, 24 or 48 minutes for debate.

Presenting the Resolution
The resolutions are sent to all congregations, post-marked 60 days prior to the opening of the General Assembly.

Discussing the Resolution
The General Assembly considers the matter through debate and discussion.

Optional Step
Refining the Resolution
If the Assembly desires to amend the resolution, then the Assembly votes to refer the resolution to the Committee on Reference and Counsel. The Committee then takes action on the amendments and the resolution is returned to the floor for discussion.

Approving the Resolution
Approved resolutions take effect at the close of the assembly.

Follow-up on the Resolution
The General Assembly Committee of the General Board will periodically follow-up to ensure the intention of the resolution is being fulfilled.

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