

Article 11: Church Property

11.2.1.1.2 Trustees for Congregational Property shall be elected by the congregation for a three-year term and are eligible for three successive terms. They shall be accountable to the congregation by way of the governing board and ~~shall~~ **should** be confirmed by the Regional Conference Annual Meeting. Trustees take office at the time of their appointment by the congregation.

11.2.1.1.3 Trustees for property held by fellowships not yet organized as congregations shall be appointed by the Regional Conference board or committee responsible for real property within that conference and ~~shall~~ **should** be confirmed by the Regional Conference Annual Meeting.

11.2.2 For real estate belonging to congregations that are incorporated, the governing board functions as the trustees; ~~shall~~ **should** be confirmed as such by the Regional Conference Annual Meeting; and shall adequately insure, care for, and keep in necessary repair all Congregational Property.

11.3.1.3 In the event that a congregation has closed or dissociated from the BIC U.S. the property assets of such congregation shall be at the disposal of the Board of Directors of the Regional Conference within which the congregation was located. The assets shall be available to be utilized consistent with the purpose of the BIC U.S. as stated in Article 1.2.

11.3.1.4 If the Regional Conference BOD proposes to ~~utilize such~~ **allocate the assets of a closed or dissociated congregation** to benefit a project or organization that is not a ministry of the BIC U.S., such action is subject to ~~the~~ **an additional approval of the General Conference Board. A proposal to allocate assets valued at or under an amount designated by the General Conference Board is subject to the approval of the National Director. A proposal to allocate assets valued over the designated amount is subject to the approval of General Conference Board.**