

Concepts Study Committee

September 2025 CBM

(Recent) History: Revisions to Concept 2 [2024-2025]

The 2024 ABC Approved This Motion:

“To support an informed Group Conscience process, the following language be approved by the Conference today for subsequent consideration and a final vote at the 2025 ABC as a replacement for the current Concept 2: *“ACA groups delegate to the World Service Conference the authority to act as their effective voice and conscience, and to represent the fellowship in world service matters.”*”

2024 ABC - 2025 ABC:

- Town Halls: No major suggestions
- Fellowship Group Voting (FGV) was created

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The Conference at the 2025 ABC passed the following motion:

That the Conference grant **final** approval of the following Concept 2 to replace the current Concept 2: “ACA groups delegate to the World Service Conference the authority to act as their effective voice and conscience , and to represent the fellowship in world service matters”.

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To Review:

Original Concept 2:

“Authority for the active maintenance of our world services is hereby delegated to the actual voice, the effective conscience for our whole Fellowship.”

Conference-Approved Revision for Concept 2:

“ACA groups delegate to the World Service Conference the authority to act as their effective voice and conscience, and to represent the fellowship in world service matters.”

Recent History: Additional Complexity Introduced

At the December 2024 QDM, the Conference approved (confirmed at the February 2025 QDM) a process for **Fellowship Group Voting** (initially to be used for the **Name Change Study**)

It was noted at the time of FGV creation that:

The Name Change is just the first one. There may be other items that will need to go beyond the Conference and directly to the Fellowship for review/approval. For example, approval of a **Conference Charter** or any updates to "**Foundational Documents**" such as **Traditions, Steps, and Concepts**.

Current Status of Concept 2 new language

The primary focus of the committee's presentation at the September CBM is to fully determine **through a Conference motion** whether Concept 2 shall go through the **FGV process** for final approval, or whether the decision which already took place and was approved at the 2025 ABC to approve the revised Concept 2 remains final.

Note: We are not here to debate the language for Concept 2 revision

Some Opinions

Thoughts for sending to FGV:

- The new Concept 2 language states that the Fellowship delegates to the Conference the Authority to represent the Fellowship in matter of World Service. Therefore we should ask the Fellowship whether they in fact agree to delegate that Authority
- Changes to any Concepts are significant enough to warrant Fellowship approval (note: we are not actually dealing with that larger issues today)

Thoughts for leaving Conference approval as Final:

- Conference already gave final approval at the May 2025 ABC
- The fact that the Fellowship elects and sends Delegates to represent them at the Conference already establishes that they are delegating this Authority.
- Does broad fellowship know enough to make an *informed decision* about the Concepts?

This is where YOU come in! What does the Conference want?

Per the FGV process approved in Dec 2024 and finalized in Feb 2025:

only the Conference can decide that something should be sent to FGV

So: What do you the Conference want?

MOTION

Motion for a vote today

In light of the following

- **At the 2024 ABC, the Conference approved a motion that proposed new Concept 2 language be approved at that time for subsequent group consideration and final Conference vote at the 2025 ABC, as a replacement for the current Concept 2**
- **The Conference did approve that revision of Concept 2 at the 2025 ABC**
- **The Conference also approved at the December 2024 QDM (confirmed at the February 2025 QDM) a process for Fellowship Group Voting (initially to be used for the Name Change Study)**
- **Because Concept 2 is the Concept which formally specifies that the Conference is the representative voice of the Fellowship, and because FGV process did not exist until Dec 2024, the primary focus of the committee's presentation at the September CBM is to fully determine through a Conference motion whether Concept 2 shall go through the FGV process for final approval, or whether the decision which already took place and was approved at the 2025 ABC to approve the revised Concept 2 stands as final.**

Motion for a vote today

The Concepts Study Group hereby MOVES that:

The version of Concept 2 approved at the 2025 ABC be placed into a **Fellowship Group Vote** process, so as to allow it to be approved and confirmed by the whole Fellowship, with the explicit understanding that a Conference decision not to initiate a Fellowship Group Vote here today will serve as a decision that the revised Concept 2 language already approved by the Conference at the 2025 ABC is final.

Note:

- *The Concepts Study committee are structuring the motion in the above manner to ensure that we achieve a clear A or B decision (rather than guessing at what “not-A” means)*
- *The committee is **not making a recommendation**, we just need a Conference decision one way or the other to clarify status.*

IN SUMMARY: Need Conference Decision

Determine WHETHER

[A] new C2 language approved by 2025 ABC is to **now also go to FGV**

OR

[B] new C2 language approved by 2025 ABC **stands as final**