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Andrews University and Seminary Respond to G.C. vote

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encourage those who have been serving in these capacities to continue to do so,” Jackson said.

He added: “It is vital to understand that the NAD will continue to follow the directions found in the General Conference Working Policy allowing conferences and unions to license women as commissioned ministers in pastoral ministry. We will also continue to encourage utilizing the services of women as ordained local elders and deaconesses.”

Wilson on Friday also said he has asked divisions to care for specific items that come up in their territory. He did not elaborate, saying only that General Conference leadership hoped matters would go smoothly and expected assistance from divisions on those items.

He said division leaders have a spirit of upholding what the General Conference in session votes. Decisions made by the General Conference in session have the highest authority in the church.

Wilson, meanwhile, sought to quash concerns from some church members that a revision to the Church Manual that delegates approved earlier Friday might limit the authority or activities of the General Conference.

“The reason for the wording is to limit any ... frivolous appeals from coming up through the system,” Wilson said.

The amendment gives divisions the right to stop a dispute from reaching the level of the General Conference. The levels where an appeal can be considered in a division include the local church, conference and union.

Wilson said the General Conference generally works through divisions and their various levels in resolving appeals anyway.

“So please do not imagine things that, in my opinion, and in my understanding, are never there,” he said.

Andrew McChesney, Adventist Review/ANN staff (Reprinted from July 10, 2015, Adventist News Network post)