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Frequently Asked Questions about KC2015 Delegate Assembly Resolutions:
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1. The first resolution on Israel-Palestine was tabled. Another resolution, “A statement of support for our Palestinian and Israeli partners in peacemaking,” received unanimous support on Saturday. What were some of the concerns raised by the delegates about the original resolution and delegate comments in response to the second resolution?

- *Many delegates felt too rushed as they considered the first resolution. Some wanted more information or time to consider the resolution. Many delegates were unfamiliar with the FAQs prepared in conjunction with the resolution.*
- *Many felt the tone toward Israel was too harsh in the first resolution, particularly given the record of U.S. mistreatment of Indigenous peoples and the role of American military power around the globe.*
- *Many delegates felt the first resolution was one-sided and did not address Palestinian wrong-doing in the same way it addressed Israeli wrong-doing. Delegates appreciated that the Saturday resolution explicitly offered support for both Palestinian and Israeli peacemakers.*
- *Many delegates expressed strong support for addressing this issue and urged continued study and engagement.*

2. What will be the process for revising the resolution on Israel-Palestine for 2017?

After consultation with our parliamentarians, we are pursuing the following process, in keeping with the delegates’ desire that we revise the resolution for consideration at our 2017 Delegate Assembly:

- *Name a three-person writing team.*
- *Name a reference group of six to eight people from a range of perspectives to offer counsel and feedback in the process.*
- *Have the writing team meet with the reference group to talk about key elements in a new resolution.*
- *Have the writing team test their work with the reference group with continuing revisions.*
- *Make an early draft of the emerging resolution available to delegates, area conferences and the broader church, with encouragement to study it and an invitation to give feedback.*
- *Use the feedback to finalize text that would be submitted to the Resolutions Committee for presentation at the Orlando 2017 Delegate Assembly*