

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA)

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		Foundations of Presbyterian Polity	Contact person	GA Status	Recommendation
22-A	F-1.0302c	THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (POL-16 1a) <i>Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity</i>	Suzanne Gorhau	A	
22-B	F-1.0404	OPENNESS (POL-16 1b) <i>Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity</i>	Suzanne Gorhau	A	
		Form of Government			
22-C	G-1.0501	MEETINGS (ROD-06 2) <i>Establishes Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) as the default parliamentary authority for congregational meetings, and authorizes electronic congregational meetings</i>	Sally/Nancy/Marcia	A	
22-D	G-1.0503	BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS (ROD-06 1) <i>Adds receiving a disciplinary decision against a church member (as opposed to a minister) to the list of proper business at a congregational meeting</i>	Sally/Nancy/Marcia	A	
22-E	G-2.0503	CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (POL-07) <i>Removes "honorably" before "retired" as the category for retired ministers</i>	Sally/Nancy/Marcia		(7 needed to approve)
22-F	G-20505a(1)	TRANSFER OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS (POL-15) <i>Adds the requirement to consult with the other denomination when receiving immigrant pastors without otherwise acceptable PC(USA) ordination educational requirements</i>	Sally/Nancy/Marcia	A	
22-G	G-2.0603	PURPOSE OF INQUIRY (HSB-05 2) <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training during the inquiry phase of preparation for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament</i>	Sally/Nancy/Marcia	A	
22-H	G-2.0605	OVERSIGHT (HSB-05 1) <i>Adds a requirement of sessions to "report to the presbytery of any matters of sexual misconduct" of their members who are enrolled as inquirers or candidates</i>	Sally/Nancy/Marcia	A	
22-I	G-2.0804	TERMS OF CALL (HSB-06) <i>Adds the requirement of a minimum of twelve weeks of paid family leave in terms of call for all installed pastors/associate pastors</i>	Sally/Nancy/Marcia		(8 needed to approve)
22-J	G-2.1001	FUNCTIONS (MC-08) <i>Adds language allowing Commissioned Pastors to be commissioned to more than one validated ministry at a time</i>	Sally/Nancy/Marcia	A	
22-K	G-2.1002	TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND COMMISSIONING (HSB-05 3) <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be Commissioned</i>	Sally/Nancy/Marcia	A	

		<i>Pastors</i>			
22-L	G-2.1103	CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (HSB-05 4) <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be certified as Christian Educators</i>	Sally/Nancy Marcia	A	
22-M	G-3.0104	OFFICERS (MC-05) <i>Adds language that "it is appropriate" to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings</i>	Sally/Nancy Marcia	A	
22-N	G-3.0105	MEETINGS (ROD-06 3) <i>Adds provision that all councils and their commissions and committees may meet electronically</i>	Sally/Nancy Marcia	A	
22-O	G-3.0106	ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (HSB-05 9) <i>Adds language regarding boundary training, including sexual abuse to the requirement for sexual misconduct policies required of councils</i>	Sally/Nancy Marcia	A	
22-P	G-3.0106	ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (POL-10) <i>Adds the requirement of an antiracism policy to the required policies of councils, and clarifies other language in that list</i>	Sally/Nancy Marcia	A	
22-Q	G-3.0303c	RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS (MC-03) <i>Authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum requirements for severance packages in terms of call</i>	Sally/Nancy Marcia	A	
22-R	G-3.0401	COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MC-06) <i>Authorizes synods to enroll those serving terms in elected offices of the synod as additional members of the synod as a way to fulfill principles of participation and representation</i>	Sally/Nancy Marcia	A	
22-S	G-4.0301	TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (ROD-07) <i>Expands and clarifies "confidentiality" requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors</i>	Sally/Nancy Marcia	A	
		Directory for Worship			
22-T	W-3.0205	CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (TWE-O5 1) <i>Adds administration of the sacrament of Baptism to the list of appropriate actions following the proclamation of forgiveness in a service of worship</i>	Suzanne	A	
22-U	W-3.0409	THEOLOGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (TWE-05 2) Adds "when appropriate" to the recommended act of providing an invitation to baptismal preparation for those who come to the table who are unbaptized	Suzanne		(7 needed for approval.)
22-V	W-3.0414	COMMUNION (TWE-05 4) <i>Removes the current requirement that a minister of</i>			

		<i>the Word and Sacrament lead the prayer of thanksgiving that concludes the Lord's Supper liturgy</i>	Suzanne	A	
22-W	W-4.0403	ORDER OF WORSHIP (TWE-06) <i>Adds a sentence about "signs and symbols of blessing" to the section on ordination and installation services</i>	Suzanne	A	
22-X	W-5.0104	HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 5) <i>Adds a sentence on the importance of household worship in faith formation in the Reformed tradition</i>	Suzanne	A	
22-Y	W-5.0104	HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 6) <i>Adds an additional paragraph to the existing section on household worship</i>	Suzanne	A	
22-Z	W-5.0201	THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH (TWE-05 9, 1&2) <i>Adds "discipleship" to a list of the Church's ministries that are connected to its worship, and adds references to statements in the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity</i>	Suzanne	A	
22-AA	W-5.0204	PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 7) <i>Adds "particular specialized pastoral care" rather than adding to an existing list of such specialties</i>	Suzanne	A	
22-BB	W-5.0204	PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 8) <i>Adds clarifying language in a section on "services of wholeness" to better express a Reformed understanding of those services</i>	Suzanne	A	
		Rules of Discipline			
22-CC	D-3.0106	WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS (ROD-05) <i>Allows a disciplinary process to continue after an accused has renounced jurisdiction</i>	PJC Robert Keefer		(17 needed to approve.)
22-DD	D-10.0302	IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED (ROD-04 3) <i>Grammatical change to an existing provision of the Rules of Discipline</i>	PJC Robert Keefer	A	
22-EE	D-10.0303	PETITIONS FOR REVIEW (ROD-04 1) <i>Amends the current Rules of Discipline to include notifying the person accused if no charges will be filed (instead of just the person(s) who made the accusation)</i>	PJC Robert Keefer	A	
22-FF		AMENDING THE USE OF "THE ACCUSED" IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINE (ROD-04 2) <i>Changes "the accused" to "the person accused" wherever it occurs in the current rules of Discipline.</i>	PJC Robert Keefer	A	
22-GG		REPLACING THE CURRENT "RULES OF DISCIPLINE" WITH A NEW "CHURCH DISCIPLINE" SECTION (ROD-03) <i>Proposed a complete revision of the Rules of Discipline,</i>	PJC Robert Keefer	A	