



PRESBYTERY
of West Virginia

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A Summary of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – Part 2

Approved by the 226th General Assembly (2024) and recommended to the presbyteries for their vote.

The link for the full text of the amendments may be found on the Presbytery website or at https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/2024-10/GA226_Proposed_BoO_Amendments_Ecumenical_Agreement_0920_2024.pdf. Please note that the rationale and comments in the amendment booklet are the rationale and comments to the original overture, which may differ from the final version approved by the General Assembly and sent to the presbyteries for their consideration.

PC-Biz provides a comprehensive record of the work of the amendments in both committee and by the General Assembly. PC-Biz may be accessed at <https://www.pc-biz.org/search>.

24-A Amending F-1.0403, Unity in Diversity

This proposed amendment adds language to emphasize the full inclusion of all persons as members of the Church (universal) and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, geography, or theological conviction. The bold words, gender identity and sexual orientation are added. The amendment reiterates G-1.0302 “No person shall be denied membership for any reason not related to profession of faith.”

24-B Amending G-1.0104, Other Forms of Corporate Witness, Worshipping Communities

This proposed amendment seeks to provide for formally recognized worshipping communities who do not desire to become a congregation to continue with the sponsorship of a session or Presbytery, which would have oversight of financial, legal, and disciplinary matters as needed. The oversight includes a minister of the Word and Sacrament, at least one ruling elder, and functions financially, legally, and in matters of discipline.

24-C Amending G-2.0104b, Gifts and Qualifications

This proposed amendment seeks to add to the standards for ordained service by specifying that the examination for candidates for ordination and/or installation, in addition to the requirement expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation, include the Historic Principles of Church Order (F-3.01), and the principles of participation and representation found in F-1.0403.

24-D Amending G-2.0504b, Extending Temporary Pastoral Relationships to a Renewable Maximum of 36 Months

This proposed amendment would change the length of temporary pastoral relationships (stated supply, interim/transitional, parish associate) from twelve (12) to thirty-six (36) months. These relationships would continue to be renewable with Presbytery approval.

24-E and 24-G Amending G-2.0504b and G-2.0901, Prohibiting Non-Disclosure Agreements in the Dissolution of Pastoral Relationships

These two proposed amendments would specifically add wording to the Book of Order prohibiting Non-Disclosure Agreements in both temporary pastoral relationships and installed pastoral relationships. It also defines non-disclosure agreement.

24-F Amending G-2.0610, Accommodations to Particular Circumstances in the Ordination Process

This proposed amendment changes how an accommodation for the required ordination exams in the preparation for ministry process approved by a particular Presbytery is communicated when the person is transferred to another presbytery.

24-H Amending G-3.0106, Requiring a Protection Policy Covering Adults with Vulnerabilities

This proposed amendment adds language requiring the protection of adults with vulnerabilities in the youth protection policy required in G-3.0106.

24-I Amending G-3.0302, Removing the Requirement for a Concurrence to Overtures to the General Assembly

This proposed amendment removes the current requirement for overtures submitted by presbyteries to the General Assembly to have a concurrence from another presbytery yet does not prohibit concurrences.

24-J Amending G-3.0501, Changing the Allocation of General Assembly Commissioners

This proposed amendment adjusts the number of commissioners each presbytery sends to the General Assembly. The adjusted numbers reflect the changing demographics of the denomination. There are no longer any presbyteries with membership numbers in the three largest categories that will be eliminated if the amendment is approved.

24-K Amending D-7.0501, Requiring Clerks to Report to Civil Legal Authorities Knowledge or Risk of Harm

This proposed amendment clarifies the role of clerks who receive allegations of offense and the requirement by clerks to notify civil legal authorities of knowledge of harm or risk of harm related to the physical abuse, neglect, and/or sexual molestation or abuse of a minor or adult lacking mental capacity.

24-L Amending D-7.0902b, Requiring that Administrative Leave be Paid

This proposed amendment requires paid administrative leave when leave is deemed necessary in disciplinary cases and specifies that the cost of the leave shall be paid by the employing entity when possible or the cost be shared between the employing entity and the presbytery.

24-M Proposed Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries

This agreement provides for a process of exchange of ministers between The Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).