

## SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS FROM THE 225<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THEIR PURPOSE

### [Foundations of Presbyterian Policy]

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22-A	F-1.0302c	(The Catholicity of the Church) <i>Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity</i>	3
22-B	F-1.0404	(Openness) <i>Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity</i>	5

### [Form of Government]

22-C	G-1.0501	(Meetings) <i>Establishes Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) as the default parliamentary authority for congregational meetings, and authorizes electronic congregational meetings</i>	7
22-D	G-1.0503	(Business Proper to Congregational Meetings) <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>	9
22-E	G-2.0503	(Categories of Membership) <i>Removes "honorably" before "retired" as the category for retired ministers</i>	11
22-F	G-2.0505a[1]	(Transfer of Ministers of Other Denominations) <i>Adds the requirement to consult with the other denomination when receiving immigrant pastors without otherwise acceptable PC(USA) ordination educational requirements</i>	13
22-G	G-2.0603	(Purpose of Inquiry) <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training during the inquiry phase of preparation for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament</i>	15
22-H	G-2.0605	(Oversight) <i>Adds a requirement of sessions to "report to the presbytery any matters of sexual misconduct" of their members who are enrolled as inquirers or candidates</i>	17

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22-L	G-2.1103	(Christian Educators) _____ <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be certified as Christian Educators</i>	26
22-M	G-3.0104	(Officers) _____ <i>Adds language that "it is appropriate" to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings</i>	29
22-N	G-3.0105	(Meetings) _____ <i>Adds provision that all councils and their commissions and committees may meet electronically</i>	31
22-O	G-3.0106	(Administration of Mission) _____ <i>Adds language regarding boundary training, including sexual abuse to the requirement for sexual misconduct policies required of councils</i>	33
22-P	G-3.0106	(Administration of Mission) _____ <i>Adds the requirement of an antiracism policy to the required policies of councils, and clarifies other language in that list</i>	34
22-Q	G-3.0303c	(Relations with Sessions) _____ <i>Authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum requirements for severance packages in terms of call</i>	36
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22-V	W-3.0414	(Communion) <i>Removes the current requirement that a minister of the Word and Sacrament lead the prayer of thanksgiving that concludes the Lord’s Supper liturgy</i>	44
22-W	W-4.0403	(Order of Worship) <i>Adds a sentence about “signs and symbols of blessing” to the section on ordination and installation services</i>	45
22-X	W-5.0104	(Household Worship) <i>Adds a sentence on the importance of household worship in faith formation in the Reformed tradition</i>	47
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22-Z	W-5.0201	(The Church’s Ministry within the Community of Faith) <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>	49
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22-CC	D-3.0106	(When Jurisdiction Ends) _____ <i>Allows a disciplinary process to continue after an accused has renounced jurisdiction</i>	55
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