

10:30 Amendments to the Book of Order, section 1
Foundations of Polity:

MWS Elissa Bailey

22-A; F-1.0302c THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (POL-16 1a): Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity

22-B; F-1.0404 OPENNESS (POL-16 1b): Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity

Form of Government:

22-R; G-3.0401 COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MC-06): 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

22-C; G-1.0501 MEETINGS (ROD-06 2): Establishes Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) as the default parliamentary authority for congregational meetings, and authorizes electronic congregational meetings

22-N; G-3.0105 MEETINGS (ROD-06 3): Adds provision that all councils and their commissions and committees may meet electronically

22-M; G-3.0104 OFFICERS (MC-05): Adds language that "it is appropriate" to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings

22-D; G-1.0503 BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS (ROD-06 1): Adds receiving a disciplinary decision against a church member (as opposed to a minister) to the list of proper business at a congregational meeting

22-G; G-2.0603 PURPOSE OF INQUIRY (HSB-05 2): Adds the requirement of boundary training during the inquiry phase of preparation for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament

22-H; G-2.0605 OVERSIGHT (HSB-05 1): 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

22-K; G-2.1002 TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND COMMISSIONING (HSB-05 3): Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be Commissioned Pastors

22-L; G-2.1103 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (HSB-05 4): Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be certified as Christian Educators

22-O; G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (HSB-05 9): Adds language regarding boundary training, including sexual abuse to the requirement for sexual misconduct policies required of councils

10:50 Breath of Prayer

10:55 Amendments to the Book of Order, section 2

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Amendments to the Book of Order from the 225th General Assembly

22-P; G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (POL-10): Adds the requirement of an antiracism policy to the required policies of councils, and clarifies other language in that list

22-S; G-4.0301 TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (ROD-07): Expands and clarifies “confidentiality” requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors

22-F; G-2.0505a(1) TRANSFER OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS (POL-15): Adds the requirement to consult with the other denomination when receiving immigrant pastors without otherwise acceptable PC(USA) ordination educational requirements

22-E; G-2.0503 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (POL-07): Removes “honorably” before “retired” as the category for retired ministers

22-J; G-2.1001 FUNCTIONS (MC-08): Adds language allowing Commissioned Pastors to be commissioned to more than one validated ministry at a time

22-Q; G-3.0303c RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS (MC-03): Authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum requirements for severance packages in terms of call

22-I; G-2.0804 TERMS OF CALL (HSB-06): Adds the requirement of a minimum of twelve weeks of paid family leave in terms of call for all installed pastors/associate pastors

11:10 Break - time to stretch

11:15 Amendments to the Book of Order, section 3

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Directory for Worship:

22-T; W-3.0205 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (TWE-05 1): Adds administration of the sacrament of Baptism to the list of appropriate actions following the proclamation of forgiveness in a service of worship

22-W; W-4.0403 ORDER OF WORSHIP (TWE-06): Adds a sentence about “signs and symbols of blessing” to the section on ordination and installation services

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

22-V; W-3.0414 COMMUNION (TWE-05 4): Removes the current requirement that a minister of the Word and Sacrament lead the prayer of thanksgiving that concludes the Lord’s Supper liturgy

22-X; W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 5): Adds a sentence on the importance of household worship in faith formation in the Reformed tradition

22-Y; W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 6): Adds an additional paragraph to the existing section on household worship

22-Z; W-5.0201 THE CHURCH’S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH (TWE-05 9, 1 & 2): 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

22-AA; W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 7): Adds “particular specialized pastoral care” rather than adding to an existing list of such specialties

22-BB; W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 8): Adds clarifying language in a section on “services of wholeness” to better express a Reformed understanding of those services

11:30 Breath of Prayer

11:35 Amendments to the Book of Order, section 4
Rules of Discipline:

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22-FF; AMENDING THE USE OF “THE ACCUSED” IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINE (ROD-04 2): Changes “the accused” to “the person accused” wherever it occurs in the current rules of Discipline

22-CC; D-3.0106 WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS (ROD-05): Allows a disciplinary process to continue after an accused has renounced jurisdiction

22-EE; D-10.0303 PETITION FOR REVIEW (ROD-04 1): 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)

22-DD; D-10.0302 IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED (ROD-04 3): Grammatical change to an existing provision of the Rules of Discipline

22-GG; REPLACING THE CURRENT “RULES OF DISCIPLINE” WITH A NEW “CHURCH DISCIPLINE” SECTION (ROD-03): Proposed a complete revision of the Rules of Discipline.

SHARING IN CHRIST’S LOVE

11:50 Announcements

MWS Katie Styr

12:00 Closing Prayer and Adjournment

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- The next Assembly is February 25th, 2023 at First PC, Normal