

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

(See Booklet for comments from Advisory Committee on the Constitution and Advocacy Groups)

IN THE CONSENT MOTION

22-A — F-1.0302c

THE CALLING OF THE CHURCH

F-1.0302c THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (POL-16 1a)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall F-1.0302c in the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity be amended as follows?

(Deleted text is in strikethrough; added text is in *italics*.)

“F-1.0302 The Marks of the Church ...

c. The Catholicity of the Church ...

... Because the church is catholic, it strives everywhere to testify to Christ’s embrace of ~~men, women, and children~~ *all people* of all times, places, races, nations, ages, *abilities, genders*, conditions, and stations in life.”

22-AA — W-5.0204

WORSHIP AND THE CHURCH’S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 7)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall the third paragraph of W-5.0204 in the Directory of Worship be amended as follows? (Deleted text is in strikethrough; added text is in *italics*.)

“W-5.0204 Pastoral Care ...

“... All members are called to take part in the ministry of pastoral care, visiting the sick, supporting the weak, and comforting those who mourn. Ruling elders, deacons, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament have particular responsibility for the exercise of pastoral care within the community of faith. Those with special gifts and appropriate training may be called to the *particular specialized pastoral care* ministries of ~~pastoral counseling, or chaplaincy~~. In certain circumstances, persons may need to be referred to other qualified and credentialed professionals to receive appropriate counseling and care.”

22-B — F-1.0404

OPENNESS TO THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

F-1.0404 OPENNESS (POL-16 1b)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall F-1.0404 in the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity be amended as follows?

(Deleted text is in strikethrough; added text is in *italics*.)

“F-1.0404 Openness ...

... a new openness in its own membership, becoming in fact as well as in faith a community of ~~women and men~~ *all people* of all ages, races, ethnicities, *abilities, genders*, and worldly conditions, made one in Christ by the power of the Spirit, as a visible sign of the new humanity.”

22-BB — W-5.0204

WORSHIP AND THE CHURCH’S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 8)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall the fourth paragraph of W-5.0204 in the Directory of Worship be amended as follows? (Deleted text is in strikethrough; added text is in *italics*.)

“W-5.0204 Pastoral Care...

“Services of wholeness and healing are one way of enacting the church’s ministry of pastoral care. The central element in these services is prayer, calling upon God’s saving grace or giving thanks for healing received, *in life and in death, in body, mind, or spirit*. A service of wholeness includes the proclamation of the Word, focusing on the promise of *peace and* abundant life in Christ. Prayer may be enacted through the laying on of hands and anointing with oil, provided that these actions are carefully introduced and interpreted: healing ~~always~~ *in its many forms* comes as a gift from God, not as a product *an accomplishment* of human prayer. The Lord’s Supper is a fitting way to seal the promise of wholeness proclaimed in the Word. Services of wholeness are to be authorized by the session and are under the direction of the minister of Word and Sacrament, but may involve leadership from ruling elders, deacons, and others with gifts for prayer. They may take place on a regular basis, as an occasional event, or as a part of the Service for the Lord’s Day.”

22-V — W-3.0414

SACRAMENT

W-3.0414 COMMUNION (TWE-05 4)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall the second paragraph of W-3.0414 in the Directory of Worship be amended as follows?

(Deleted text is in strikethrough; added text is in *italics*.)

“W-3.0414 Communion ...

“... When all have received the bread and cup, the remaining elements are placed on the table. ~~The minister of Word and Sacrament then leads the people in prayer.~~ *A prayer follows*, thanking God for the gift of the Sacrament and asking for grace to live and serve faithfully until the coming of Christ’s realm in fullness.”

The following amendments add text only with no deletions

22-W — W-4.0403

ORDINATION, INSTALLATION, AND COMMISSIONING

W-4.0403 ORDER OF WORSHIP (TWE-06)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall W-4.0403 in the Directory of Worship be amended as follows?

(Added text is in *italics*.)

“W-4.0403 Order of Worship

“A service of ordination, installation, or commissioning focuses on Christ and the joy and responsibility of serving him through the mission and ministry of the church. Following the sermon, the moderator (or designee) of the appropriate council briefly states the nature of the ministry to which persons are being ordained, installed, or commissioned. Those who are being ordained, installed, or commissioned gather at the baptismal font. The moderator (or designee) of asks them the constitutional questions (see W-4.0404). A ruling elder asks the corresponding questions of the congregation. When all questions have been answered in the affirmative, those to be ordained will kneel, if able, for the laying on of hands and the prayer of ordination. (The presbytery commission lays on hands at the ordination of minister of the

Word and Sacrament; its moderator may invite other ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elders to participate. Members of the session lay on hands at the ordination of ruling elders and deacons; the session may invite other ruling elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament to participate. Because ordination only takes place once for each office, the laying on of hands is not repeated.) Those previously ordained will stand, if able, along with the congregation, for the prayer of installation. *Signs and symbols of blessing may be conferred on the newly installed or commissioned person.* After this, the moderator makes the declaration of ordination, installation, or commissioning. Members of the session or presbytery welcome the newly ordained, installed, or commissioned person(s). In the case of the installation of a minister of the Word and Sacrament, persons may be invited to charge the minister of the Word and Sacrament and congregation to faithfulness in ministry and mutuality in relationship. When a minister of the Word and Sacrament is ordained or installed, it is appropriate for that person to preside at the Lord's Supper in the same service; she or he may also give the blessing at the conclusion of the service. When ruling elders or deacons are ordained or installed, it is appropriate for one or more of them to give the charge to the congregation at the conclusion of the service."

22-X — W-5.0104

WORSHIP AND PERSONAL LIFE

W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 5)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall W-5.0104 in the Directory of Worship be amended as follows?

(Added text is in *italics*.)

"W-5.0104 Household Worship

"We respond to God's grace in the context of personal relationships, particularly when Christians who live together worship together. *Household worship is a central and important practice within the Reformed tradition, an important means of faith formation.* Opportunities for household or family worship include: sabbath-keeping and rhythms of daily prayer; Bible reading, study, or memorization; prayers before meals; singing hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs; and expressions of giving, sharing, and service to others. Congregations are encouraged to nurture and equip households and families for these practices."

22-Y — W-5.0104

WORSHIP AND PERSONAL LIFE

W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 6)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall W-5.0104 in the Directory of Worship be amended to add a third paragraph as follows? (Added text is in *italics*.)

"W-5.0104 Household Worship ...

"... *Prayers of thanks and blessing, and lament at the household table draw upon ancient Jewish practice and the examples of Jesus, his disciples, and the early Christian community. Mealtime prayers provide opportunities to give thanks to God's works of creation and redemption by which we are sustained for Christ's service. We respond with heartfelt thanks and praise in the sharing of our daily bread.*"

22-Z — W-5.0201

WORSHIP AND THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

W-5.0201 THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH
(TWE-05 9, 1 & 2)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

1. Shall W-5.0201 in the Directory of Worship be amended as follows? (Added text is in *italics*.)

“W-5.0201 The Church's Ministry within the Community of Faith

“God calls the Church in the name of Jesus Christ to mutual love, *discipleship*, and service. Jesus' ministry and the church's worship are deeply connected; indeed, worship is ministry. The church's ministry springs from its worship, where God builds up the body of Christ through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The church's ministry flows back into worship as we bring to God the celebrations and concerns of the community of faith.

“Within the church, we seek to love and serve one another through the rhythm of daily prayer, the ministries of Christian education and pastoral care, the activities of councils of the church, and other gatherings of believers. The church's ministries are shaped and nourished by the Word and Sacraments, and are to be carried out in the spirit of *faithful discipleship and* constant prayer (*F-1.0301; F-1.0302a; F-1.0303; F-1.0403*).”

2. Shall W-5.0301 in the Directory of Worship be amended as follows? (Added text is in *italics*.)

“W-5.0301 The Church's Mission in the World

“God sends the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit to join the mission of Jesus Christ in service to the world. Jesus' mission and the church's worship are deeply connected; indeed, worship is mission. The church's mission springs from its worship, where we glimpse the reality and the promise of God's eternal realm. The church's mission flows back into worship as we bring to God the joy and suffering of the world.

“Through its mission in the world, the church seeks to bear witness to God's reign through the proclamation of the gospel, acts of compassion, work for justice and peace, and the care of creation. The church's mission is shaped and nourished by the Word and Sacraments, and represents the living out of our prayer for the world (*F-1.01; F-1.0303; F-1.0304*).”

End of proposed amendments in consent motion

MOTION #13

22-T — W-3.0205

GATHERING

W-3.0205 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (TWE-05 1)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall W-3.0205 in the Directory for Worship amended as follows?

(Added text is in *italics*.)

“W-3.0205 Confession and Forgiveness ...

“... Other actions may follow—a song of praise, such as ‘Glory be to the Father’ or ‘Glory to God’; a summary of the law or call to faithfulness; *the sacrament of baptism*; and the sharing of peace as a sign of reconciliation in Christ.”

MOTION #14

22-U — W-3.0409

SACRAMENT

W-3.0409 THEOLOGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (TWE-05 2)

The 225th General Assembly (2022) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall W-3.0409 in the Directory of Worship be amended as follows?

(Added text is in *italics*.)

“W-3.0409 Theology of the Lord’s Supper ...

“... The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation, *when appropriate*, to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended.”