

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA)

Approved by the 225th General Assembly (2022)

- 22-A F-1.0302c THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (POL-16 1a)
Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity
- 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-B F-1.0404 OPENNESS (POL-16 1b)
Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity
- 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
- 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-CC D-3.0106 WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS (ROD-05)
Allows a disciplinary process to continue after an accused has renounced jurisdiction
- 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-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-E G-2.0503 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (POL-07)
Removes “honorably” before “retired” as the category for retired ministers
- 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-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-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-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-GG REPLACING THE CURRENT “RULES OF DISCIPLINE” WITH A NEW “CHURCH DISCIPLINE” SECTION (ROD-03)
Proposed a complete revision of the Rules of Discipline,
- 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-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
- 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-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-M G-3.0104 OFFICERS (MC-05)
Adds language that “it is appropriate” to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings
- 22-N G-3.0105 MEETINGS (ROD-06 3)
Adds provision that all councils and their commissions and committees may meet electronically
- 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
- 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-Q G-3.0303c RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS (MC-03)
Authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum requirements for severance packages in terms of call
- 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-S G-4.0301 TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (ROD-07)
Expands and clarifies “confidentiality” requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors
- 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-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-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-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