

**Presbytery of Detroit
Report of the Coordinating Cabinet
February 25, 2023**

The Coordinating Cabinet recommends that Presbytery:

1. Amend the Bylaws in Article I (Identity and Authority), Section 3 (Membership and Composition) by inserting “Synod Commissioner,” after “Ministry Team,” and before “Commissioned Ruling Elder”. The Section would then read: “In addition to the teaching elder members and ruling elder commissioners prescribed in the Book of Order, each ruling elder who is elected an officer of the Presbytery or Corporation or chairperson of a standing committee, Planning and Visioning Team, Ministry Team, Synod Commissioner, Commissioned Ruling Elders currently serving in a validated ministry, and Certified Christian Educators (who are also ruling elders) currently serving as a Certified Christian Educator in a congregation of the Presbytery, shall be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery for their term of office. Past moderators, Certified Christian Educators (who are not ruling elders) and Associate Christian Educators currently serving in a congregation of the Presbytery, shall have voice in all Presbytery meetings.”

Rationale: Synod Commissioners serve as ongoing liaisons between the Presbytery and the Synod. They are in a position to speak to each from the perspective of the other. Synod Commissioners who are teaching elders already have voice and vote at Presbytery meetings. This amendment would allow Synod Commissioners who are ruling elders to participate in the same way.

2. Amend the Bylaws in Article IV (Officers), Section 3 (Terms and Elections), Subsection b (Stated Clerk, Interim Stated Clerk, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer) by striking out “the Presbytery Operations Ministry Team” and inserting “a committee of no less than three people representing the diversity of the Presbytery”. The Subsection would then read, “The Stated Clerk, the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer shall serve for three years or until a successor is installed. The elections shall be conducted as follows: The Coordinating Cabinet shall nominate one candidate, upon recommendation a committee of no less than three people representing the diversity of the Presbytery, which shall have conducted an open search; nominations from the floor shall not be in order; the Presbytery shall vote by ballot on the question, ‘Shall this person be elected to this Office?’”

Rationale: While the Presbytery Operations Ministry Team has traditionally invited other persons to join it in the search for a Stated Clerk or Treasurer, this amendment would allow the Coordinating Cabinet to select a committee designed specifically for each search with the diversity, knowledge, and perspective required at the time the search is being conducted.

3. Approve the terms of call for called staff in Paper G-1.
4. Approve the Treasurer’s job description in Paper G-1.
5. Approve the Stated Clerk’s job description in Paper G-1.

The following motions come to Presbytery from committees and teams after consultation with Cabinet:

1. From Social Justice: approve the Ranney-Balch grant distribution (Paper G-4)
2. From Planning and Visioning: approve the following extra commitment opportunities (ECOs):
3. From Planning and Visioning: The line item Presbytery Response Team (PRT) under Committee on Ministry be moved to be a separate stand-alone budget item. The line item is in the amount of \$1,000.00. The rationale is that the PRT reports directly to Presbytery and some of its responsibilities take it outside of those of COM.

The Coordinating Cabinet reports the following for the information of Presbytery:

1. Cabinet determined to hold a separate meeting on February 20, 2023 to consider communications received from the Anti-Racism Team, the Associate Executive Presbyter, Multicultural Ministries, and the communication sent out by the Moderator and Vice Moderator, along with any other letters received relating to staff matters and racism concerns.
2. Cabinet referred a Bylaws motion regarding changing the Bylaws to eliminate a requirement of an Executive Presbyter back to Bylaws for further review.
3. Cabinet met with members of the Synod Administrative Commission and shared concerns with the AC.