

Presbytery of Detroit

Omnibus Motion #2

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PC(USA)

May 23, 2023

The Stated Clerk presents the following as Omnibus Motion #2:

Approve the following proposed amendments to the Book of Order (Paper F-1 contains the complete wording of all the proposed amendments):

1. Amendment 22-I G-2.0804 TERMS OF CALL (Adds the requirement of a minimum of twelve weeks of paid family leave in terms of all for all installed pastors/associate pastors)
2. Amendment 22-O G-3.0103 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (Adds language regarding boundary training, including sexual abuse to the requirement for sexual misconduct policies required of councils)
3. Amendment 22-S G-4.0201 TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (Expands and clarifies ‘confidentiality’ requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors)
4. Amendment 22-T W-3.0205 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Adds administration of the sacrament of Baptism to the list of appropriate actions following the proclamation of forgiveness in a service of worship)
5. Amendment 22-U W-3.0409 THEOLOGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (Adds ‘when appropriate’ to the recommended act of providing an invitation to baptismal preparation for those who come to the table who are unbaptized)
6. Amendment 22-W W-4.0403 ORDER OF WORSHIP (Adds a sentence about ‘signs and symbols of blessing’ to the section on ordination and installation service)
7. Amendment 22-CC D-3.0106 WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS (Allows a disciplinary process to continue after an accused has renounced jurisdiction)
8. Amendment 22-DD D-10.0302 IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED (Grammatical change to an existing provision of the Rules of Discipline)
9. Amendment 22-GG REPLACING THE CURRENT ‘RULES OF DISCIPLINE’ WITH A NEW ‘CHURCH DISCIPLINE’ SECTION (Proposes a complete revision of the Rules of Discipline)

(For information: As of May 11, 2023 all items have been approved and ratified to be amended in the Book of Order.)