

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF STATED CLERK MARIANNE GRANO
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT**

November 19, 2022

RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER BUSINESS

FOR ACTION AS OMNIBUS MOTION (2):

Approve the following proposed amendments to the Book of Order (**Paper F-1**, all proposed amendments; **Paper F-2**, amendments voted on at this meeting):

1. Amendment 22C (electronic meetings);
2. Amendment 22D (congregational meeting requirement of proposed new Rules of Discipline);
3. Amendment 22N (electronic meetings);
4. Amendment 22O (requiring boundaries training and sexual abuse training);
5. Amendment 22V (allowing laypersons to lead prayer after communion);
6. Amendment 22X (adding statements re: household worship);
7. Amendment 22Y (adding statements re: household worship, mealtime blessings);
8. Amendment 22AA (broadening description of pastoral ministries to which ministers may be called);
9. Amendment 22BB (amending Book of Order to reflect that “healing happens in a variety of ways and wholeness is not necessarily synonymous with physical recovery”)
10. Amendment 22EE (investigating committee must inform both accuser and accused of a decision of no charges filed);
11. Amendment 22FF (amending “the accused” in Rules of Discipline to “the person accused” wherever it is found).

FOR ACTION AS OMNIBUS MOTION (3):

1. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS:

Approve the reports of the following Administrative Commissions:

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for Westminster Detroit (Paper F-3)

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for St. John's Detroit (Paper F-4)

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for Dearborn-Littlefield (Paper F-5)

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for Milford (Paper F-6)

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for Pontiac-Joslyn Ave. (Paper F-7)

Report of the Administrative Commission for the Installation of Mark Mares (Paper F-8)

Report of the Administrative Commission for the Installation of Kathlyn R. Ferguson-Nealand (Paper F-9)

2. Approve the report of the Moderator concerning actions taken following the last meeting. (Paper F-10)
3. Approve the results of the Review of Session Records. (Paper F-11).

FOR INFORMATION

1. The Synod of the Covenant Investigating Committee has completed its work regarding the disciplinary complaint which was referred to the Synod from the Presbytery of Detroit during the special meeting in January 2021 because the complaint involved conflicts of interest. “In response to the written statement of offense received by the stated clerk of the Presbytery of Detroit, and for which the Synod of the Covenant assumed jurisdiction. The Investigating Committee has determined, in accordance with G-3.0102 and D-2.0203b, that there

are no probable grounds or cause to believe an offense was committed by the accused. All parties were informed of the decision. This matter is closed.”

2. The Administrative Commission of the Synod of the Covenant formed to investigate and resolve issues involving Presbytery of Detroit executive level personnel issues submitted an interim report. The Synod at its October 20-22 Synod Assembly allowed members of the Detroit Presbytery to comment on the report. Based on the feedback received and its own analysis, the Administrative Commission would amend the report to remove statements that were not fully investigated. Further, the Administrative Commission would be expanded, some members having resigned, and new members being appointed based on their expertise. The reconstituted AC would then receive additional training and continue its work.

3. A report was received from the Synod of the Covenant and is attached as Paper F-12.

4. The Stated Clerk reports that after a process of over two years and a number of examinations she has received the credential of Registered Parliamentarian from the National Association of Parliamentarians, This is the second level of certification and qualifies her to provide advice to organizations on Robert's Rules of Order.