

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA)
Approved by the 225th General Assembly (2022)

This chart identifies each proposed amendment by its number, its location in the *Book of Order*, a summary of its content, and checks the group or groups most affected by it. It is intended to help you study and identify the Proposed Amendments this year.

			CPM	COM	PJC	COUN -CILS	CONGRE- GATIONS
		Foundations of Presbyterian Polity					
22-A	F-1.0302c	THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (POL-16 1a) <i>Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity</i>	X	X	X	X	
22-B	F-1.0404	OPENNESS (POL-16 1b) <i>Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity</i>	X	X	X	X	
		Form of Government					
22-C	G-1.0501	MEETINGS (ROD-06 2) <i>Establishes Robert's Rules of Order (RONR) as the default parliamentary authority for congregational meetings, and authorizes electronic congregational meetings</i>				X	X
22-D	G-1.0503	BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS (ROD-06 1) <i>Adds receiving a disciplinary decision against a church member (as opposed to a minister) to the list of proper business at a congregational meeting</i>				X	X
22-E	G-2.0503	CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP (POL-07) <i>Removes "honorably" before "retired" as the category for retired ministers</i>				X	
22-F	G-20505a(1)	TRANSFER OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS (POL-15) <i>Adds the requirement to consult with the other denomination when receiving immigrant pastors without otherwise acceptable PC(USA) ordination educational requirements</i>		X			
22-G	G-2.0603	PURPOSE OF INQUIRY (HSB-05 2) <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training during the inquiry phase of preparation for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament</i>	X				
22-H	G-2.0605	OVERSIGHT (HSB-05 1) <i>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</i>	X			X	

			CPM	COM	PJC	COUNCILS	CONGREGATIONS
22-I	G-2.0804	TERMS OF CALL (HSB-06) <i>Adds the requirement of a minimum of twelve weeks of paid family leave in terms of call for all installed pastors/associate pastors</i>	X	X		X	X
22-J	G-2.1001	FUNCTIONS (MC-08) <i>Adds language allowing Commissioned Pastors to be commissioned to more than one validated ministry at a time</i>		X		X	X
22-K	G-2.1002	TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND COMMISSIONING (HSB-05 3) <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be Commissioned Pastors</i>	X	X		X	
22-L	G-2.1103	CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (HSB-05 4) <i>Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be certified as Christian Educators</i>				X	
22-M	G-3.0104	OFFICERS (MC-05) <i>Adds language that "it is appropriate" to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings</i>		X		X	
22-N	G-3.0105	MEETINGS (ROD-06 3) <i>Adds provision that all councils and their commissions and committees may meet electronically</i>				X	
22-O	G-3.0106	ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (HSB-05 9) <i>Adds language regarding boundary training, including sexual abuse to the requirement for sexual misconduct policies required of councils</i>				X	
22-P	G-3.0106	ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (POL-10) <i>Adds the requirement of an antiracism policy to the required policies of councils, and clarifies other language in that list</i>				X	
22-Q	G-3.0303c	RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS (MC-03) <i>Authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum requirements for severance packages in terms of call and for temporary pastoral relationships</i>		X		X	
22-R	G-3.0401	COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES (MC-06) <i>Authorizes synods to enroll those serving terms in offices of the synod as additional members of the synod as a way to fulfill principles of participation and representation</i>				X	

			CPM	COM	PJC	COUN- CILS	CONGRE- GATIONS
22- S	G-4.0301	TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY (ROD-07) <i>Expands and clarifies “confidentiality” requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors</i>	X	X	X	X	
		Directory for Worship					
22- T	W-3.0205	CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (TWE-05 1) <i>Adds administration of the sacrament of Baptism to the list of appropriate actions following the proclamation of forgiveness in a service of worship</i>				X	
22- U	W-3.0409	THEOLOGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER (TWE-05 2) <i>Adds “when appropriate” to the recommended act of providing an invitation to baptismal preparation for those who come to the table who are unbaptized</i>				X	
22- V	W-3.0414	COMMUNION (TWE-05 4) <i>Removes the current requirement that a minister of the Word and Sacrament lead the prayer of thanksgiving that concludes the Lord’s Supper liturgy</i>				X	
22- W	W-4.0403	ORDER OF WORSHIP (TWE-06) <i>Adds a sentence about “signs and symbols of blessing” to the section on ordination and installation services</i>				X	X
22- X	W-5.0104	HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 5) <i>Adds a sentence on the importance of household worship in faith formation in the Reformed tradition</i>				X	X
22- Y	W-5.0104	HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (TWE-05 6) <i>Adds an additional paragraph to the existing section on household worship</i>				X	X
22- Z	W-5.0201	THE CHURCH’S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH (TWE-05 9, 1&2) <i>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</i>				X	
22- AA	W-5.0204	PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 7) <i>Adds “particular specialized pastoral care” rather than adding to an existing list of such specialties</i>		X		X	

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22- BB	W-5.0204	PASTORAL CARE (TWE-05 8) <i>Adds clarifying language in a section on “services of wholeness” to better express a Reformed understanding of those services</i>		X		X	
		Rules of Discipline					
22- CC	D-3.0106	WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS (ROD-05) <i>Allows a disciplinary process to continue after an accused has renounced jurisdiction</i>			X	X	
22- DD	D-10.0302	IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED (ROD-04 3) <i>Grammatical change to an existing provision of the Rules of Discipline</i>			X	X	
22- EE	D-10.0303	PETITIONS FOR REVIEW (ROD-04 1) <i>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)</i>			X	X	
22- FF		AMENDING THE USE OF “THE ACCUSED” IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINE (ROD-04 2) <i>Changes “the accused” to “the person accused” wherever it occurs in the current rules of Discipline.</i>			X	X	
22- G G		REPLACING THE CURRENT “RULES OF DISCIPLINE” WITH A NEW “CHURCH DISCIPLINE” SECTION (ROD-03) <i>Proposed a complete revision of the Rules of Discipline</i>	X	X	X	X	

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