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18-A. Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons   On Amending G-2.0401

- ReDefine Congregational Nominating Committee
  - Add: Minimum size at least 3 persons
  - At least 1 member elder currently serving on session
  - Majority of persons eligible to vote shall not be currently serving on session
18-B Renunciation of Jurisdiction

18-B.1

- Delete current G-2.0509

- Add: No congregation permitted to employ a former minister of Word And Sacrament who renounced jurisdiction in the midst of a disciplinary proceeding as the accused.

- Add: former MoW&S can only be restored through application to the presbytery …
On Amending D-10.0401d

- Deletes “comes forward in self-accusation” and adds “who renounced jurisdiction while being accused”
18-C Officers
On Amending G-3.0104

- Add: no cong, session, pby, synod or national office of the PC(U.S.A.) nor any ind acting on behalf of or in an official capacity shall
- Publicly endorse or oppose or otherwise encourage or discourage others to vote for or against an individual running for public office
Add: grant permission to work validated ministry outside its geographic bounds & within the geographic bounds of another presbytery but may not grant permission without consent of that presbytery. Such consent shall be reviewed annually.
Replace “pastor” with minister of Word and Sacrament, commissioned pastors.
Baptized children: add They shall be welcomed and session should ensure they receive
18-G Disciplinary Offense
On Amending D-2.0203b

- Add to definition of Offense
  Sexual abuse shall be contrary to Scripture or Constitution and therefore an offense
18-H Time Limit
On Amending D-10.0401

18-H.1 Amend D-10.0401b to add no time limit for charging that a person who knew or reasonably should have known of the reasonable risk of sexual abuse of another or failed to take reasonable steps to minimize the risk.
18-H Continued

18-H.2 clarify definition of abuse to include sexual conduct with anyone without the capacity to consent
Authoritative Interpretation
Non PC(U.S.A.) Minister as Moderator

- GA (2018, 69, 73, 626-27, Item 06-21, Req 18-01): A non-PC(USA) minister can moderate a session in those cases where the presbytery has accepted these pastors who have “satisfied the requirements of preparation ... [as] established by the presbytery’s own rule” as temporary members (G-2.0506).
Authoritative Interpretation
Session and Policy about Church Property

GA (2018, 70,73, 630-31, Item 06-23, Req. 18-03): Sessions may not be compelled to authorize the use of church property for a marriage service that the session believes is contrary to “the session’s discernment of the Holy Spirit and their understanding of the Word of God”. Sessions may adopt, and may only adopt, wedding policies that are consistent with the Constitution, including F-1.0403.