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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the committee tasked with bringing the thirty-three (33) proposed changes to the Book of Order approved by the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly for your consideration at our upcoming presbytery meetings, I would like to thank you for your patience. Due to the large number of proposed amendments, we decided to take up and consider approximately half of the proposed amendments at our March 28, 2023, meeting, and to take up the remaining amendments at the May 23, 2023, meeting.

Here are few things to keep in mind as you review the materials and the items being considered at our March and May meetings (whether this is your first time voting on amendments to the Book of Order or your umpteenth time doing so):

- We can only vote to approve the proposed amendment or to disapprove the proposed amendment as it is referred to us by the General Assembly.
- To avoid confusion, we will be asking that the presbytery approve each and every proposed amendment to the Book of Order. This is to ensure that your “yes” vote means “yes” and your “no” vote means “no.”
- We will refer to each of the proposed amendments by their tracking numbers.

- As outlined below, we will be using the consent agenda at our March and May meetings to approve the majority of the proposed amendments to the Book of Order. Some of the proposed amendments being placed on the consent are tweaks to already existing provisions of the Book of Order. Other proposed amendments on the consent agenda garnered very little debate or controversy during the plenary sessions of the General Assembly. We placed the proposed amendments with the tracking numbers beginning 22-CC, 22-DD, 22-EE, and 22-FF on the consent agenda because if 22-GG, the complete revision and retitling of the current Rules of Discipline, is approved by the presbyteries, they effectively go away and have no force or effect.
- The Office of General Assembly has created a PDF document setting forth all thirty-three (33) proposed amendments to the Book of Order. The link is: [ga225 bk of amends 2022 final update nov11 2022.pdf \(pcusa.org\)](https://www.pcusa.org/ga225_bk_of_amends_2022_final_update_nov11_2022.pdf). We are also emailing a copy of the PDF document to you for your convenience and review.

The consent agenda items and the items we plan to bring forward for discussion during the meetings are as follows:

March 28, 2023 Meeting. We will place the following amendments on the consent agenda for approval: 22-A – F-1.0302c; 22-B – F-1.0404; 22-C – G-1.0501; 22-D – G-1.0503; 22-F – G-2.050a(1); 22-G – G-2.0603; 22-H – G-2.0605; 22-J – G-2.1001; 22-K – G-2.1002; 22-L – G-2.1103; 22-M – G-3.0104; 22-N – G-3.0105; 22-O – G-3.0106; and, 22-R – G-3.0401.

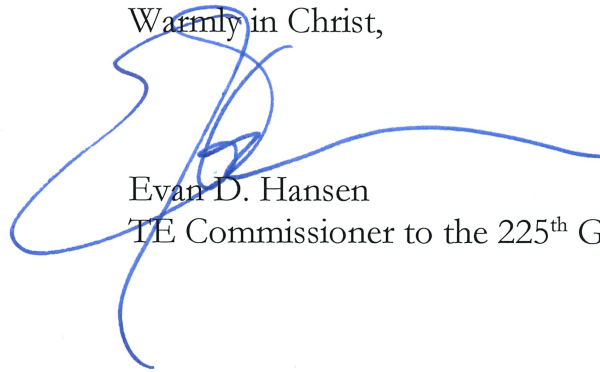
We will recommend that the presbytery consider and approve the following amendments: 22-E – G-2.0503; 22-P – G-3.0106; and, 22-Q – G-3.0303c as part of its regular business.

May 23, 2023 Meeting. We will place the following amendments on the consent agenda for the approval: 22-T – W-3.0205; 22-U – W-3.0409; 22-V – W-3.0414; 22-W – W-4.0403; 22-X – W-5.0104; 22-Y – W-5.0104; 22-X – W-5.0201; 22-AA – W-5.0204; 22-BB – W-5.0204; 22-CC – D-3.0106; 22-DD – D-10.0302; 22-EE – D-10.0303; and, 22-FF-AMENDING “THE ACCUSED.”

We will recommend the presbytery consider and approve the following amendments: 22-I – G-2.0804; 22-S – G-4.0301; and, 22-GG – CHURCH DISCIPLINE SECTION as part of its regular business.

Again, thank you for your patience, and we hope that you find this information helpful as we prepare for the March and May presbytery meetings.

Warmly in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Eyan D. Hansen', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Eyan D. Hansen  
TE Commissioner to the 225<sup>th</sup> GA