



226th GA Amendments Voting Procedures

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in Christ as we enter this New Year!

On behalf of the Coordinating Team, I want to provide details for our discerning work of considering amendments to the Book of Order as requested by the 226th General Assembly.

We will consider 12 amendments during our Stated Presbytery meeting on Saturday, January 28th at 10:00 a.m., hosted by Old Union Presbyterian Church in Mars. Due to the number of items, we want to provide the Presbytery with the ability to discern these amendments together and with an efficiency of time and energy.

We welcome you to look at the attached summary of the amendments in the meeting packet and online here:

https://files.constantcontact.com/45869a00101/2d063459-3aca-4d2a-b4a3-a0bcde7c961a.pdf?rdr=true_gl=1*1aoo7ht*_gcl_au*MzYxMjQ3MDUxLjE3MzYxODU1MTA.*_ga*ZWFiNzBmOWQtM2M1NC00MWE3LWE2MGYtNjBmMDc3OWU5ZjZj*_ga_14T5LGLSQ3*MTczNjc4NjA2My42LjEuMTczNjc4NzE1NS4zOS4wLjA.

Over these last weeks, Randall Clow, Stated Clerk, forwarded each item for consideration to one of our committees with knowledge of this area of the church. Each committee has provided a recommendation for the Presbytery, as has been our previous practice for many GA cycles. You can find these recommendations attached in the packet and at this link:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/45869a00101/3b868bec-7128-4a06-9c6a-967ed30fc489.pdf?rdr=true>

At the Presbytery meeting, the Coordinating Team will present all 12 amendments as one Consent Agenda, providing each committee's recommendation for action by the Presbytery. The Consent Agenda is worded to approve the committee's recommendations rather than every amendment. It will be approved by voice vote.

We will move to a floor discussion and ballot vote for items that need more discussion among the body. In this instance, a Pastor or Ruling Elder Commissioner must communicate with the Stated Clerk before the meeting to "pull" or remove the item from the consent agenda. The item will then not be considered in the consent agenda and will be directed to the moderators as separate motions for the Presbytery's consideration. Each pulled item will have a separate discussion on the floor, allowing Presbyters to vote for each individually.

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We ask that requests for motions to be “pulled” from the consent agenda be communicated to the Stated Clerk and our office by email prior to the meeting (24-hour notice would be appreciated, if possible). All voting will be done in person at the meeting.

You may contact our Stated Clerk and office at:

statedclerk@beaverbutler.org

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We look forward to our meeting and to joining as our Presbyterian witness in the church of Jesus Christ.

With Love and Peace,

Andrew Why, Chairperson, Coordinating Team

Please reference the full GA document that you can download here:

[https://beaverbutler.org/wp-](https://beaverbutler.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024_0828_ga226_proposed_boa_amendments_ecumenical_agreement.pdf)

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