

New Form of Government: What DOES CHANGE

Basic terminology has been changed. Minister of Word and Sacrament=Teaching Elder
 Elder=Ruling Elder
 Governing body=Council

New Book of Order Reference	Content of the Reference	What is the change?
G.1.04	Categories of membership	No longer an inactive membership roll
G.1.0501	Quorums for congregational meetings	Congregations need to set their own quorum, no longer a set percentage G-7.0305
G.10501	Terms of Call reviewed annually	Conducted at congregational meetings but not required on an annual basis G.7.0302a
G.10502	Call for a congregational meeting	Congregations need to set their own rule for adequate public notice, no longer 2 successive Sundays G-7.0303b
G.1.0505	Signatures on congregational minutes	Moderator no longer needs to sign congregational minutes G-7.0307
G.2.0503, G.2.0508	Categories of membership for teaching elders	No longer an inactive list G-11.0406c
G.2.0504	Installed pastoral relationships	Pastor, co-pastor and associates. Easier process for a co-pastor. No longer specific designated pastor but can have a pastor for a "designated time" G-6.0202b
G.2.0504	Temporary pastoral relationships	No titles or descriptions for any temporary relationship G-14.0550
G.2.0504c	Associates	Associates may become the next installed pastor with COM approval and ¾ vote of presbytery G-14.0513
G.2.0504c	Interims	Former terms interims and supply pastors...these folks may now become the next installed pastor with COM approval and ¾ vote of presbytery G-14.0513

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None	Parish associates	There will no longer be a designation of Parish Associate G-14.0570
G.2.0505	Ministers from other denominations	Presbyteries have more flexibility based on mission strategy G-11.0404, G-11.0405
G.2.0605	Pastors serving the presbytery in temporary positions	Presbytery provides for the rule of who may serve in a temporary position...there are no longer distinctions of churches that the denomination is in correspondence with or in communion with G-11.0405
G.2.0605	Inquirers and candidates in relation to their sessions	Session and Presbytery oversight is no longer spelled out in specifics G-14.0412, G-14.0413
None	Annual reports	Annual reports for inquirers and candidates are not mandated G-14.0421
G.2.0608	Transfer of an inquirer or candidate to another presbytery	More flexibility in transferring. Silence on when the transfer to a new church home takes place G-14.0461
G.2.0610	Alternate means exams	You no longer have to have failed the exam twice to request an alternate means. Still needs a ¾ vote of presbytery G-14.0472
G.2.0702	Place of ordination	Presbytery of call examines and now ordains G-14.0481
G.2.0903	Moderator of congregational meeting when a dissolution	Presbytery now appoints moderator, previously, the pastor moderated (G-14.0612)
G.2.1001 and following	CLP's (now called Commissioned Ruling Elders)	Training more flexible (g-14.0560)
G.2.1103a and b	Certified Christian Educators	No accreditation process is outlined (G-14.0720)
G.2.1103b	Certified Christian Educators at Presbytery	CCE may now have voice and vote, previously voice only (12.0730b)

G.4.0103	Committee on Representation	COR's membership is not specified (G-9.0105a)
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G.3.0104	Length of term of office for Presbytery Moderator	Term of office no longer defined (G-9.0202b)
G.3.0109, G.3.0307	Constitutional Committees	Councils may designate their own committees and commissions...COM, CPM are no longer required (G-11.0502- 03 and G-14.0410)
G.3.0109	Administrative Commissions	Membership numbers no longer dictated (G-9.0504b)
G.3.0111	Nominating Committees for all councils	No longer stipulations on composition or terms of service (G-9.0801a)
G.3.0203	Quorum for sessions	No longer designated by Book of Order...sessions make their own rule
G.0204a	Rolls to be maintained	No longer an inactive roll; No longer need to keep marriages or differentiate between infant and adult baptisms (10.0302b)
G.3.0301	Parity of commissioners to presbytery	No longer a formula for basic parity; now by presbytery rule (G-11.0101a)

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New Book of Order Reference	Content of the Reference	Old Book of Order Reference
F.3.0101	God alone is Lord of the conscience	G-1.0301
F.3.0205	Decisions are made by majority vote	G.4.0301e
F.3.0206	Higher bodies have the right of review over lower bodies	G-4.0301f
F.30207	The individual Council (governing body) is the ordaining body	G.4.0301g
G.1.02	Congregations can only be organized by authority of presbyteries	G.7.0101
G.1.0302	No person shall be denied membership not related to profession of faith	G-5.0103
G.1.0503	The business that may be conducted at congregational meetings	G-7.0304
G.1.0504	If moderators are unable to moderate	G-7.0306
G.2.0102	Governance of the church is representative and the rights of God's people to elect presbyters and deacons is inalienable	G-6.0107
G.2.0105	Freedom of Conscience within certain bounds	G-6.0108
G.2.0202	Deacons are under the authority of the session	G-6.0404
G.2.0401	Congregations elect deacons and elders	G-14.0221
G.2.0402	Elders and deacons to be trained by session	G-14.0240
G.2.0404	Terms of service for elders and deacons defined	G-14.0222
G.2.0406	Release from office	G-6.0600
G.2.0502	Presbytery validates the ministry of teaching elders	G-11.0403
G.2.0601	There are still two phases for those going into the Ministry: inquiry and candidacy	G-14.0401
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Reference		Reference
G.20602	6 month church membership requirement for a person, 1 year inquiry and one year candidacy for those seeking to go into ministry	G.14-4030
G.20610	Exceptions for ordination exams...alternate means still requires ¾ vote of presbytery	G-14.0470
G.2.0610	Inquiry/candidacy time frame of one year can be changed by ¾ vote of presbytery	G-14.0473
G.2.0801-02	PNC elected to fill a pastoral vacancy	G-14.0503-31
G.2.0803	Presbytery needs to be consulted before call extended	G-14.0532
G.2.0804	Terms of call must meet presbytery minimums including pension	G-14.0534
G.2.0901	Dissolution of installed call only by presbytery	G-14.0610
G.2.0904	Presbytery may dissolve a pastoral relationship in difficulty	G-14.0613
G.2.0905	Former pastors may officiate by invitation only	G-14.0603
G.3.0103	Committees on Representation still mandatory, but composition is up to the council	G-9.0105a
G.3.0105	The right of dissent and protest is preserved	G.9-0303-04
G.3.0106	Each council shall develop a manual of operations	G-9.0405
G-3.0106	Presbyteries may level Per Capita, but new language is added: in no case shall the authority of the session to direct its benevolences be compromised	G-9.0404d
G.3.0107	Records are the property of the council and clerk shall make arrangements to preserve them	G.9.0406
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G.3.0108	The right of review of higher councils to lower councils	G-9.0407
G.3.0108b	The right of special administrative review is maintained	G-9.0408
G.3.0109	Commission is empowered to conclude matters referred by a council	G-9.0502
G.3.0113	All councils shall have a full financial review	G-10.0401d
G.3.0205	Session elects treasurer	G-10.0401
G.3.0301	Minimum # of churches to form a presbytery - 10	G-11.0102
G.3.0302	Presbyteries: elect graders ord exams, est. minimum compensation, assume original jurisdiction when necessary, consider/ act on congregations requests re. property	G-11.0103
G.3.0401	Synods need to have 3 presbyteries	G-12.0101
G.3.0405	Synods need to meet at least biennially, can set its own quorum	G.12.0101
G.3.0501	GA...same formula for number of commissioners, same quorum, same guidelines for special called meetings	G.13-0102b
Chapter 4	Regarding civil law and property is essentially the same	G-8.000-8.0100ff
G4.0203	All property is held in trust for the denomination	G-8.0201
G.4.0302	Ministers, elders, deacons and Christian Educators are mandatory reports to both ecclesiastical and civil authorities	G-6.0204, 6.0304, 6.0402, 14.0732
G.6.02	An advisory committee to the constitution shall be in effect, same number of people	G-13.0112
G.6.04	Amending the constitution is the same process	G-18.0301ff