

Coordinating Council Report
September 24, 2019 Meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle

Action Item

The Coordinating Council presents as a “Second Reading” and moves the adoption of a change to Article V- A (1) of the **Bylaws of the Presbytery of Carlisle** to be effective January 1, 2020, as shown below. Items to be deleted are shown with a ~~cross-out~~. Items added are in ***Bold Italics***.

Article V- Meetings

A. Stated Meetings

1. ~~Four stated meetings of the presbytery shall be held each year, on the fourth Tuesdays of February, the fourth Tuesday of May, the fourth Tuesday of September, and the first Tuesday of December at times and places determined by the presbytery.~~ ***The Presbytery shall hold at least 4 meetings a year, ordinarily one in each quarter. The Coordinating Council shall ordinarily set the dates, times, and locations of the meetings for the coming year by the last Stated Meeting of the current year. The Coordinating Council may change the date, time, and / or location of a particular stated meeting, if needed, and shall ordinarily inform the Presbytery of any change at least 60 Days prior to the meeting date.*** The presbytery may change a meeting date to avoid conflict with a meeting of a more inclusive governing body, i.e. Synod of the Trinity/General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
2. At least ten days in advance of each stated meeting of the presbytery, the Stated Clerk shall make available the proposed docket and such other items as determined by the Coordinating Council. The order of business on the docket shall be recommended by the Coordinating Council and approved by the presbytery for each stated meeting.

B. Special Meetings

1. Special meetings of the presbytery may be called in conformity with the Book of Order. No business other than that listed in the notice of the special meeting shall be transacted.
2. At least ten days in advance of each special meeting of the presbytery, the Stated Clerk shall distribute the notice of the meeting and any accompanying materials

Rationale:

The proposed change allows for flexibility with factors such as timing, location and logistics that provide for impactful presbytery meetings. As the Coordinating Council designs presbytery meetings that model innovative practices of worship, learning, relationship building and community engagement, this flexibility will help to foster a culture of experimentation, essential to the

discernment of God's vision for our life together. The proposed change provides a general framework and authorizes the Coordinating Council to work out the particulars. Our common purpose is not only to conduct the essential business of the presbytery but also to gather the presbytery for experiences that energize, engage and equip presbyters and congregations for their ministries. Working within this framework and guided by this purpose, the Council seeks to deepen, widen and focus the engagement of our congregations in stated meetings, special meetings, and other gatherings of the presbytery.