

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 18, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE

Attachments

1. Roll for Attendance at April 18, 2023 Meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle
2. Summary of 33 Amendments from the 225th General Assembly

Abbreviations

- ACTION MSP Motion, Seconded, Discussed, and Passed (if it comes from committee, MP only)
- AC, PJC Administrative Commission, Permanent Judicial Commission
- BOO, BOC *Book of Order* – The Constitution of the PC(USA) Part II, *Book of Confessions*
- BOP Board of Pensions
- CCE Certified Christian Educator
- COA Covenant of Agreement
- CPM Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- COM, CNWC Commission on Ministry, Commission on New Worshiping Communities
- GA, OGA, SOT General Assembly, Office of General Assembly, Synod of the Trinity
- IEP Interim Executive Presbyter
- NC, PNC Nominating Committee, Pastor Nominating Committee
- PC, PW Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Women
- PLGCLSC Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership / Stated Clerk
- TE, MWS Teaching Elder, Minister of Word and Sacrament
- RE, CRE, EREC Ruling Elder, Commissioned Ruling Elder, Elected RE Commissioner to this meeting

Call to Meeting

This special meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle was called to examine Candidate Emily Sutphin for Ordination and to vote on the 33 Amendments from the 225th General Assembly.

Welcome, Zoom Instructions, and Docket Approval

The Zoom-only Meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle was called to order and opened with prayer promptly at 6:30 PM by Moderator Scott Bowerman (TE, Central PC, Chambersburg) – “we ask that your Spirit would guide what we say and do and how we vote...”

As is custom at Zoom meetings, housekeeping notes were given, along with instruction for being recognized by the Moderator and voting. Zoom presbyters were asked to keep their cameras on, allow for technical challenges, and participate in on-line voting; each motion, seconded, would be discussed and voted on, and PLGCLSC Kristal Smith would announce whether the motion passed (MSP).

ACTION

MSP to approve the docket.

Enroll Corresponding Members

Moderator Bowerman asked if there were corresponding members to be enrolled. There were none.

Introduction of First-Time Commissioners, Pastors, CCEs, Special Guests

The moderator welcomed representatives from Mechanicsburg PC who were present in support of their Candidate for Associate Pastor, Emily Sutphin. Other first-time commissioners and guests included Elliot Robinson (RE, Capital); Bill Best (RE, Central PC, Chambersburg); Carolyn Simpson (Presbytery Staff,

Communications – her first day on the job was yesterday, April 17!); Lowell Kratzer (RE, Lost Creek). A point of clarification was made by the moderator that the meeting was not being recorded.

Report of the Commission on Ministry with Examination of Emily Sutphin for Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Moderator Bowerman referenced the Call to Ordered Ministry and the Gifts and Qualifications of Ordered Ministry, as found in the Constitution of the PC(USA) Part II (G-2.0103 and G-2.0104). Presbyters were reminded of the movement of the Holy Spirit in the individual conscience, the approval of a community of God’s people, and the concurring judgment of a council of the Church, as well as the requirement for persons answering the call to be of strong faith and dedicated discipleship to Christ.

Moderator Bowerman called on COM Co-Chair Lou Nyiri (TE, Gettysburg PC) to introduce the Candidate, Emily Sutphin. Candidate Sutphin has been under care in Peaks Presbytery (Virginia). She will graduate May 20 from Princeton Theological Seminary with a dual degree: Master’s of Divinity and Master’s of Christian Education Formation. She was certified ready to receive a call in October 2022 and has received a call to Mechanicsburg PC.

TE Nyiri stated that because it is unusual for a Candidate to be examined for ordination prior to graduation, PLGCLSC Smith reviewed a progress report of Ms. Sutphin’s curriculum requirements from Princeton’s Office of the Registrar. Through that review, PLGCLSC Smith verified that Ms. Sutphin already has fulfilled all the requirements for a Master’s of Divinity. TE Nyiri noted that in the materials posted for today’s meeting, Ms. Sutphin provided a recorded sermon for viewing ahead of this meeting. He then invited Ms. Sutphin to read her Statement of Faith, which she did.

Moderator Bowerman instructed presbyters about appropriate questions relating to the Statement of Faith, sermon, Spiritual Autobiography (also posted with meeting materials), the Bible, Sacraments, Polity, Theology, and sense of call to Mechanicsburg PC. Questions centered around Ms. Sutphin’s

- Called position – 4-year Designated Associate;
- Definition of the word “kin-dom” – describes our relationship with Christ as family rather than hierarchical – Jesus as Savior rather than King who demands certain behavior;
- Confirmation Class experience – with a formative mentor she began to discern this call to ministry – “I have a lot of hope for the church going forward.”;
- Seminary experience – a particular class that had significant impact was a course on Reinhold Niebuhr and Martin Luther King, Jr. which fulfilled a Modern Theology requirement – Niebuhr’s writings resonated with her;
- Family loss and its impact to her ministry – supported by her pastor upon the death of her father at age 9, Ms. Sutphin found value in taking big, theological concepts and making them accessible to children. “Be less afraid to talk about death with children – be ready before the death occurs... There is a heaven. There is a God who loves us.”;
- Joy and excitement about her call, if the way be clear – she looks forward to exploring how to create a bigger footprint in the community and apply what she’s learned in seminary.

ACTION

MSP to arrest examination.

Candidate Sutphin was placed in the Zoom waiting room. A motion to approve Emily Sutphin for ordination to Ministry of Word and Sacrament, seconded, was followed by brief discussion regarding the designated 4-year Associate Pastor position.

ACTION

MSP to approve Emily Sutphin for ordination to Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Ms. Sutphin was returned from the Zoom waiting room and informed of the affirmative outcome of the vote by the moderator; the way is clear for her to be ordained by the Presbytery of Carlisle at Mechanicsburg PC. Presbyters celebrated with jazz hands; TE Nyiri offered a prayer from the *Book of Common Worship*, with thanks that the Lord still is calling people to ordained ministry in Jesus' name.

Action on Amendments of the 225th General Assembly

Moderator Bowerman called on RE Bill McHenry (Highland United PC), who was one of the presbytery's commissioners at GA 225, to introduce the next order of business.

RE McHenry reported that at GA 225 (summer 2022), of the many overtures that were considered and debated for adoption in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), 33 amendments now come to the presbyteries to vote on whether they should be adopted. Extensive information was available under the Stated Clerk tab on the Presbytery of Carlisle web site since March 1; a link to that page was included with meeting materials.

RE McHenry explained that an Amendments Working Group – composed of Moderator Scott Bowerman, COM representative Gary Hollinger and himself – had been meeting with PLGCLSC Smith and IEP Galan over the past couple months. They developed a process for tonight's voting, bringing 7 motions for consideration divided by BOO sections, and further divided by whether the Advisory Committee on the Constitution endorses adoption of the amendments.

RE McHenry made it clear that anyone may ask for an amendment to be pulled from a motion for individual consideration and detailed the logistics of how to do that. Time was taken to receive questions about the process. There were none. Moderator Bowerman then offered a few words about discussion, establishing that he would alternate between people who wished to vote in favor of each motion and those who were opposed. He requested that presbyters not make a motion to call the question, as that would complicate the amendment voting process. Again, ample time was provided for questions about voting electronically by poll. A practice vote was taken so everyone could test the polling feature, and the moderator asked again if there were any questions about the process.

Voting proceeded decently and in order, summarized here (grid) with actual numbers. Actual numbers were not revealed during each vote; PLGCLSC Smith only announced whether motions passed.

| Motions Regarding Amendments of GA 225 | Yes | No | Abstain | Total | Pass/Fail |
|--|------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1 – to adopt 22-A, B – relating to FOUNDATIONS | 48 | 4 | 1 | 53 | P – 91% |
| 2 – to adopt 22-C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, O, R, S relating to GOVERNANCE | 48 | 3 | 1 | 52 | P – 92% |
| 3 – to not adopt 22-I – relating to GOVERNANCE | 45 | 7 | 0 | 52 | P – 87% |
| 3a – to not adopt 22-P – relating to GOVERNANCE | 10 | 39 | 2 | 51 | F – 76% |
| 3b – to not adopt 22-Q – relating to GOVERNANCE | 39 | 12 | 0 | 51 | P – 76% |
| 4 – to adopt 22-V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, BB relating to WORSHIP | 52 | 0 | 0 | 52 | P – 100% |
| 5 – to not adopt 22-T, U – relating to WORSHIP | 47 | 6 | 0 | 53 | P – 89% |
| 6 – to approve 22-DD, EE, FF, GG – relating to DISCIPLINE | 49 | 2 | 0 | 51 | P – 96% |
| 7 – to disapprove 22-CC – relating to DISCIPLINE | 40 | 13 | 1 | 54 | P – 74% |

Detailed documentation below, motion by motion.

RE McHenry presented MOTION #1: The Amendments Working Group moves to adopt amendments 22-A and 22-B from the 225th General Assembly.

Moderator Bowerman established that, as it came from a committee, the motion did not require a second, and called for discussion. There was none.

ACTION

MP to adopt amendments 22-A and 22-B from the 225th General Assembly.

RE McHenry presented MOTION #2: The Amendments Working Group moves to adopt amendments 22-C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, O, R, and S from the 225th General Assembly.

Moderator Bowerman established that, as it came from a committee, the motion did not require a second, and called for discussion. There was none.

ACTION

MP to adopt amendments 22-C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, O, R, and S from the 225th General Assembly.

RE McHenry presented MOTION #3: The Amendments Working Group moves to NOT adopt amendments 22-I, P, and Q from the 225th General Assembly.

Amendments 22-P and 22-Q were pulled from Motion #3 at the request of Carlin Wenger (RE, Market Square PC), allowing for discussion of each individual amendment.

Moderator Bowerman announced that Amendments 22-I, P, and Q would be voted on separately. Moderator Bowerman said repeatedly that voting *in favor* of a motion to *disapprove* an amendment meant that the presbyter *did not want* that language in the BOO.

RE McHenry presented a revised MOTION #3: The Amendments Working Group moves to NOT adopt amendment 22-I from the 225th General Assembly.

Moderator Bowerman established that, as it came from a committee, the motion did not require a second, and called for discussion. Discussion ensued around rationale for the Committee Recommendation to NOT approve this amendment. It was observed that applying this amendment to every church, everywhere, for every call, would result in small churches being non-compliant; the cookie cutter requirement of 12 weeks of paid family leave didn't seem justifiable. One presbyter reminded the body that individual presbyteries can develop their own recommendations beyond what is in the Constitution. Another presbyter voiced that the Constitution is not a manual for the operation of the church. To be clear, it was stated once again that saying yes to this motion meant saying no to the proposed amendment from GA, and saying no to this motion, meant saying you agreed with the proposed amendment from GA.

ACTION

MP to NOT adopt amendment 22-I from the 225th General Assembly.

RE McHenry presented MOTION #3a: The Amendments Working Group moves to NOT adopt amendment 22-P from the 225th General Assembly.

Moderator Bowerman established that, as it came from a committee, the motion did not require a second, and called for discussion. Robust discussion ensued, with some 14 people participating. Most voices were opposed to the motion, and thus, were in favor of including language about antiracism in the BOO. While reasonable argument could be made that, within our polity, an anti-racism statement would best be included in a policy manual, not the Constitution – and there already is a requirement that all councils must have in place a harassment policy – there was strong concern about optics beyond the denomination. What would it look like “to the world” if the PC(USA) were to oppose anti-racism language in its Constitution? Especially when our government added amendments about racism into its constitution. It was observed that currently, we're placing a lot of trust in presbyteries at the lower level, but we know that trust is broken. We need to state requirements for training explicitly for equality given to us by God. The final perspective that was expressed was that, while the resource issue for training will need to be developed, we need an anchor statement in the Constitution.

ACTION

Motion to NOT adopt amendment 22-P from the 225th General Assembly **FAILED**.

RE McHenry presented MOTION #3b: The Amendments Working Group moves to NOT adopt amendments 22-Q from the 225th General Assembly.

Moderator Bowerman established that, as it came from a committee, the motion did not require a second, and called for discussion. Discussion ensued around the fact that policy exists for our presbytery for minimum requirements – this amendment would include a minimum package for those leaving and serving elsewhere. Again, the burden on small churches was lifted up.

ACTION

MP to NOT adopt amendment 22-Q from the 225th General Assembly.

Since the meeting was ahead of schedule there was consensus to continue without a break.

RE McHenry presented MOTION #4. The Amendments Working Group moves to adopt amendments 22-V through 22-BB from the 225th General Assembly.

Moderator Bowerman established that, as it came from a committee, the motion did not require a second, and called for discussion. There was none.

ACTION

MP to adopt amendments 22-V through 22-BB from the 225th General Assembly.

RE McHenry presented MOTION #5. The Amendments Working Group moves to NOT adopt amendments 22-T and U from the 225th General Assembly.

Moderator Bowerman established that, as it came from a committee, the motion did not require a second, and called for discussion. There was none.

ACTION

MP to NOT adopt amendment 22-T and U from the 225th General Assembly.

RE McHenry presented MOTION #6: The Amendments Working Group moves to adopt amendments 22-DD, EE, FF, and GG from the 225th General Assembly.

Moderator Bowerman established that, as it came from a committee, the motion did not require a second, and called for discussion. There was none.

ACTION

MP to adopt amendments 22-DD, EE, FF, and GG from the 225th General Assembly.

RE McHenry presented MOTION #7: The Amendments Working Group moves to NOT adopt amendment 22-CC from the 225th General Assembly.

Moderator Bowerman established that, as it came from a committee, the motion did not require a second, and called for discussion. Discussion ensued, with a request to hear from the Working Group. It was recalled that in GA discussions, one of the attorneys made a lot of sense: when someone is no longer under jurisdiction, the church has no jurisdiction. Jurisdiction gives a tribunal authority to hear a matter. Other voices noted how important it is not to pass on a “bad apple;” if we don’t try to hold people accountable when they leave, does that mean there’s no paper trail and they can just get ordained in some other denomination? Discussion yielded another point: if someone renounces jurisdiction, they have to leave the ministry of the PC(USA), but our records reflect what happens; if someone walks away from the denomination – if they quit – in order to not be charged, you cannot do anything. The denomination only has authority if they’re there.

ACTION

MP to NOT adopt amendment 22-CC from the 225th General Assembly.

Adjournment

Moderator Bowerman announced that PLGCLSC Smith will submit the votes of the Presbytery of Carlisle to the Office of General Assembly and report the outcome of the voting back to the Presbytery of Carlisle when all the presbyteries have submitted their results.

The next stated Presbytery meeting is in-person only on May 2 at Monaghan PC in Dillsburg, beginning with a potluck dinner at 5:45 PM. Worship will begin at 6:30 PM. It was announced in the call to that meeting that the presbytery will celebrate Intertwined – a New Worshiping Community initiative of the presbytery. We'll also celebrate the ministry of the Rev. Cheryl Galan, who is retiring at the end of May, and talk about the 'generative edge' of the presbytery and plans for the leadership transition ahead.

Kathryn Johnson (TE, Mechanicsburg) expressed appreciation for everyone who organized this meeting. PLGCLSC Smith, especially, was commended for her extensive preparations of summaries and video tutorials so that presbyters could enter the meeting informed, with confidence. With consensus, Moderator Bowerman adjourned the meeting at 7:59 PM with prayer and thanksgiving. "God, we thank you for this community of Christ's followers, part of the PC(USA). If we've gotten anything wrong, we trust you will correct and redirect us. Strengthen us. Use us to build your kingdom of heaven on earth."

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristal Smith, Presbytery Leader for Governance and Congregational Leadership

| Church | Elder Commissioners | # of Elders | CREs | Total # |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Big Spring | Jay Mowery | 1 | Neal McCulloch | 1 |
| Camp Hill | Beth Fine, Doloes Peffley | 2 | Roz Presby | 1 |
| Capital | Elliott Robinson | 1 | | |
| Central | Bill Best | 1 | | |
| Centre | Allen Kretzing | 1 | | |
| Christ, Camp Hill | | | | |
| Derry | Gregg Robertson | 1 | | |
| Dickinson | David Way, Michelle Bourne | 2 | | |
| Duncannon | | | Committee Chairs | |
| East Waterford | Dennis Long | 1 | Norma Mateer | 1 |
| Faith Immanuel | Cheryl Caplan, Norm Diefenderfer | 2 | | |
| Falling Spring | | | | |
| First, Carlisle | | | | |
| First United, Newville | | | | |
| Gettysburg | Linda Thompson | 1 | | |
| Great Conewago | | | | |
| Greencastle | | | Christian Educators | |
| Harrisburg Korean | | | | |
| Highland United | Abigail Worthy, Joyce Heintzelman | 2 | | |
| Hope United | Susan Kenyon | 1 | | |
| Lost Creek | Lowell Kratzer, Dana Swartwood | 2 | | |
| Lower Marsh Creek | | | | |
| Lower Tuscarora | | | Council | |
| Market Square | Carlin Wenger, Donna Wenger | 2 | | |
| McConnellsburg | | | | |
| Mechanicsburg | Katie Chase, Sue Karakantas | 2 | | |
| Middle Spring | Kemper Dyson | 1 | Total CRE, CC, CE, Council | 3 |
| Monaghan | Dick Lee, Kathy Wells | 2 | | |
| Mt. Olivet | | | Guests | |
| Paxton | | | Carolyn Simpson - staff | 1 |
| Pine Street | Amy Chick, Elyse Rogers | 2 | Cathay Snyder - Mechanicsburg | 1 |
| Presbyterian Congregation Middletown | | | Chad Parent - Mechanicsburg | 1 |
| Second | | | Emily Sutphin - Candidate | 1 |
| Silver Spring | Gary Hollinger, Scott Pepperman | 2 | Gary Weber - Mechanicsburg | 1 |
| St. Andrews | Bill Mulligan | 1 | Larry Stoner - Mechanicsburg | 1 |
| St. James | | | Maggie Stern - Mechanicsburg | 1 |
| Upper West Conococheague | | | Patti Hinkson - Mechanicsburg | 1 |
| Warfordsburg | | | Rich Marlin - Mechanicsburg | 1 |
| Waynesboro | Lori Sutton | 1 | Rick Whitcomb - Mechanicsburg | 1 |
| Wells Valley | | | Tim Wonder - Mechanicsburg | 1 |
| Westminster | | | Robert Kerr - Pine St. | 1 |
| | Total Elder Commissioners | 31 | Total Guests | 12 |
| | Total Other Personnel | 3 | Total Voting Elders | 34 |

ATTACHMENT 2
SUMMARY OF 33 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

List of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA) Approved by the 225th General Assembly (2022) Adapted from document prepared by Greg Goodwiller, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of St. Andrew. Direct implications for Carlisle Presbytery indicated in *italics*.

- 22-A F-1.0302c THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH (see also 22-B) – *see 22-B*. Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity.
- 22-B F-1.0404 OPENNESS (see also 22-A) – *incorporate when amending policies*. Expands inclusive language with reference to gender identity.
- 22-C G-1.0501 MEETINGS (see also 22-M and 22-N) – *The by-laws for the Presbytery of Carlisle allow for electronic meetings*. Establishes Robert’s Rules of Order (RONR) as the default parliamentary authority for congregational meetings, and authorizes electronic congregational meetings
- 22-D G-1.0503 BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS – *no on-going disciplinary process in Carlisle*. Adds receiving a disciplinary decision against a church member (as opposed to a minister) to the list of proper business at a congregational meeting.
- 22-E G-2.0503 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP – *Carlisle has 57 retired ministers*. Removes “honorably” before “retired” as the category for retired ministers.
- 22-F G-2.0505a(1) TRANSFER OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS – *COM and CPM will have both more direction and flexibility in such cases*. Adds the requirement to consult with the other denomination when receiving immigrant pastors without otherwise acceptable PC(USA) ordination educational requirements.
- 22-G G-2.0603 PURPOSE OF INQUIRY (see also 22-K, 22-L, and 22-O) – *Carlisle offers Boundary Training annually*. Adds the requirement of boundary training during the inquiry phase of preparation for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament.
- 22-H G-2.0605 OVERSIGHT - *aligns with current and developing Child Protection and Sexual Misconduct policies and guidance*. Adds a requirement of sessions to “report to the presbytery of any matters of sexual misconduct” of their members who are enrolled as inquirers or candidates.
- 22-I G-2.0804 TERMS OF CALL - *Carlisle has Family Leave Guidelines aligned with this*. Adds the requirement of a minimum of twelve weeks of paid family leave in terms of call for all installed pastors/associate pastors.
- 22-J G-2.1001 FUNCTIONS – *allows for greater flexibility with regard to CREs in that they can be commissioned to serve in more than one validated ministry*. Adds language allowing Commissioned Pastors to be commissioned to more than one validated ministry at a time.
- 22-K G-2.1002 TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND COMMISSIONING (see also 22-G, 22-L, and 22-O) – *Carlisle offers Boundary Training annually*. Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be Commissioned Pastors.
- 22-L G-2.1103 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS (see also 22-G, 22-K, and 22-O) – *Carlisle offers Boundary Training annually*. Adds the requirement of boundary training for those elders seeking to be certified as Christian Educators.
- 22-M G-3.0104 OFFICERS (see also 22-C and 22-N) – *The by-laws for the Presbytery of Carlisle allow for electronic meetings*. Adds language that “it is appropriate” to adopt procedures for electronic session meetings.

- 22-N G-3.0105 MEETINGS (see also 22-C and 22-M) – *The by-laws for the Presbytery of Carlisle allow for electronic meetings.* Adds provision that all councils and their commissions and committees may meet electronically.
- 22-O G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION (see also 22-G, 22-K, and 22-L) – *Carlisle has a Sexual Misconduct policy and Child and Youth Protection policy that will need to be reviewed in light of these requirements.* Adds language regarding boundary training, including sexual abuse to the requirement for sexual misconduct policies required of councils.
- 22-P G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION – *Carlisle has no antiracism policy.* Adds the requirement of an antiracism policy to the required policies of councils, and clarifies other language in that list.
- 22-Q G-3.0303c RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS – *Carlisle has guidelines for dissolution.* Authorizes presbyteries to establish minimum requirements for severance packages in terms of call.
- 22-R G-3.0401 COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES – *No direct impact on Presbytery.* Authorizes synods to enroll those serving terms in elected offices of the synod as additional members of the synod as a way to fulfill principles of participation and representation.
- 22-S G-4.0301 TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY – *Clarifying for pastors, CREs, COM, and leaders what confidentiality is (safe space) and is not (secrecy).* Expands and clarifies “confidentiality” requirements for ministers and commissioned pastors.
- 22-T W-3.0205 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS – *Directory for Worship already says Baptism “ordinarily” follows proclamation.* Adds administration of the sacrament of Baptism to the list of appropriate actions following the proclamation of forgiveness in a service of worship.
- 22-U W-3.0409 THEOLOGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER- *underscores pastoral discretion in the invitation to baptism.* Adds “when appropriate” to the recommended act of providing an invitation to baptismal preparation for those who come to the table who are unbaptized.
- 22-V W-3.0414 COMMUNION – *offers flexibility in the prayer after communion.* Removes the current requirement that a minister of the Word and Sacrament lead the prayer of thanksgiving that concludes the Lord’s Supper liturgy.
- 22-W W-4.0403 ORDER OF WORSHIP – *move from more to less restrictive language.* Adds a sentence about “signs and symbols of blessing” to the section on ordination and installation services.
- 22-X W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (see also Y) – *lifts up role of household worship.* Adds a sentence on the importance of household worship in faith formation in the Reformed tradition.
- 22-Y W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP (see also X) – *lifts up role of household worship.* Adds an additional paragraph to the existing section on household worship.
- 22-Z W-5.0201 THE CHURCH’S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH – *emphasizes communal discipleship.* Adds “discipleship” to a list of the Church’s ministries that are connected to its worship, and adds references to statements in the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity.
- 22-AA W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE – *descriptive rather than specific language.* Adds “particular specialized pastoral care” rather than adding to an existing list of such specialties.
- 22-BB W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE – *healing not necessarily physical recovery.* Adds clarifying language in a section on “services of wholeness” to better express a Reformed understanding of those services.
- 22-CC D-3.0106 WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS – *no on-going disciplinary process in the Presbytery of Carlisle.* Allows a disciplinary process to continue after an accused has renounced jurisdiction.
- 22-DD D-10.0302 IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED - *humanizes the accused person.* Grammatical change to an existing provision of the Rules of Discipline.

- 22-EE D-10.0303 PETITION FOR REVIEW – *attempts to remove bias in language use*. Amends the current Rules of Discipline to include notifying the person accused if no charges will be filed (instead of just the person(s) who made the accusation).
- 22-FF AMENDING THE USE OF “THE ACCUSED” IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINE – humanizes the accused person Changes “the accused” to “the person accused” wherever it occurs in the current rules of Discipline.
- 22-GG REPLACING THE CURRENT “RULES OF DISCIPLINE” WITH A NEW “CHURCH DISCIPLINE” SECTION – easier to understand and follow Proposes a complete revision of the Rules of Discipline.