

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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Proposed Book of Order Amendments *Helpful resources in preparing to vote at the Feb. 11 presbytery meeting*

Proposed Amendment Texts and Rationales:

The most important thing to do is download copies of the proposed amendments, including background and rationales for each amendment and perspectives from advisory committees and others:

http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/2016_proposed_boa.pdf.

Remember that the denomination is not preparing printed copies of the amendments this year as they have in the past, so please print off your own copy and bring it to the Feb. 11 presbytery meeting. A limited number of copies will be available at the meeting for those without access to the internet.

Detailed background on amendments:

If you really want to go deeper, PC-biz, the official business web site of the General Assembly, has detailed information on these amendments, organized by the General Assembly committee under which each was considered. First, find the Item Number for each amendment you want to explore—you'll find those Items Numbers in the Consent Agenda and the Leadership Council report of this Advance Packet. The first two numbers of the Item Number (e.g., "06-") indicate the committee that considered that item. Search for that committee and two-digit number using the pull-down menu on the top right of this link: <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/committee>. When the committee page opens, the Item Number for each amendment is in the left column of that committee's docket.

Summary Analysis from the Association of Stated Clerks:

Following every GA, various presbytery and synod Stated Clerks analyze the proposed amendments and provide a brief, balanced overview of pros and cons, votes, and other key information. You can find this at www.statedclerks.org, click on the Resources link on the left, and find the "2016 Analysis of Amendments to the Constitution GA 2016.docx" to view or download. *[Note: There is an apparent error in this analysis on Item 16-C. The title "Ruling Elder" does not appear to be changed back to "Elder" by these amendments. Only the titles "Teaching Elder" and "Commissioned Ruling Elder" are affected by these proposed changes.]*

Two study resources from our presbytery:

The November 2016 supplemental packet included two resources relating to very significant proposed changes in the Directory for Worship. Go to <http://www.miamipresbytery.org/documents/Nov1216SupPkt.pdf> and scroll down to pages SP.4 to SP. 6.