

Current Bylaws of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley require a few updates. In order to change the bylaws they state:

These bylaws may be amended at any stated meeting of the presbytery by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous stated meeting.

Proposed changes words to be omitted have strikethrough. Added words are ***bold italics***.

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

PROPOSED CHANGE PER GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Section 1.02: Name and Function

~~The Presbytery of the Miami Valley of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) including Presbyterian congregations in Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren counties in the state of Ohio.~~

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Miami Valley consists of the counties of Butler (excluding the townships of Fairfield, Fairfield City, Ross, and Westchester), Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren (excluding the townships of Deerfield, Hamilton, Harlan, and Mason), all in the state of Ohio.

RATIONALE: *New descriptions of our presbytery are needed. This was adopted at GA this year.*

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Section 6.03: Investigating Committees

The Moderator of the presbytery may appoint an investigating committee between stated meetings of the presbytery as authorized by ~~D-10.0201b~~ ***D-7.0501*** upon receipt by the Stated Clerk of a written statement of an offense as defined in ~~D-10.0101 and D-10.0102~~ ***D-7.0102, D-7.0103 and D-7.0201e***. If the Moderator disqualifies her/himself in a particular case, the Moderator may delegate to the Vice-Moderator the authority to appoint an investigating committee. In making the appointment, the Moderator or Vice-Moderator shall consult with the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the presbytery or their designees. The appointment of investigating committees shall be reported as information to the next stated meeting of the presbytery.

Section 6.04: Committees of Counsel

In the event the presbytery becomes a complainant or respondent in a remedial case (~~D-6.0302~~ **D-4.0204a**), the Moderator of the presbytery may appoint a committee of counsel between stated meetings of the presbytery as authorized by ~~D-6.0302a~~ **D-40204b**. If the Moderator disqualifies her/himself in a particular case, the Moderator may delegate to the Vice- Moderator the authority to appoint a committee of counsel. In making the appointment, the Moderator or Vice-Moderator shall consult with the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the presbytery or their designees. The receipt of the remedial complaint and the appointment of committees of counsel shall be reported as information at the next stated meeting of presbytery.

RATIONALE: *The reference numbers in the Book of Order have changed in Church Discipline (no longer called the Book of Discipline).*