

OUTLINE OF THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT

I. Particular Congregations and Their Membership

- 1.01 *The Particular Congregation*
- 1.02 *The Organizing of the Particular Congregation*
- 1.03 *Membership of the Particular Congregation*
- 1.04 *Categories and Privileges of Membership*
- 1.05 Meetings of the Congregation
- 1.06 Incorporation and Trustees

II. Officers and Ordination to Office

A. *Offices of Ministry*

1. Definition (G-6.0100)
2. Qualifications and examination for office (G-6.0106-.0108 – perhaps as they presently appear?)

B. *Ministers of the Word and Sacrament*

1. Defined (G-6.0200)
2. Preparation for Ministry (G-14.0300 – abbreviated)
3. Ordination to Ministry (G-14.0400)
4. Call and Installation (G-14.0500)
5. Dissolution of Pastoral Relationships (G-14.0600)

C. *Elders and Deacons*

1. Elders Defined (G-6.0300)
2. Deacons Defined (G-6.0400)
3. Electing Elders and Deacons (G-14.0201 - .0104)
4. Preparation for Office (G-14.0205)
5. Installation to Office (G-14.0207 - .0209)
6. Dissolution and Release from Office (G-14.0211)

D. *Commissioned Church Workers* (G-14.0700 – 14.0800)

III. Governing Bodies

A. *General Principles of Governing Bodies* (G-9.0000)

B. *Session* (G-10.0000)

C. *Presbyteries* (G-11.0000)

D. *Synods* (G-12.0000)

E. *General Assembly* (G-13.0000)

IV. Property

A. Property Held in Trust (G-8.0200)

B. Property of churches dissolved or extinct (G-8.0400), or in schism (G-8.0600)

C. Presbytery Approval of Loans and Sales (G-8.0500)

V. Relationships

A. Ecumenical Relationships (G-15.0100 – 15.0203)

B. Church Union

1. Full Organic Union (G-15.0301)

2. Union Governing Bodies (G-17.0000)

3. Union and Federated Congregations (G-15.0204 and G-16.0000)

VI. Amending the Constitution

A. Amending The Book of Confessions (G-18.0200)

B. Amending The Book of Order (G-18.0300)