

JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY REPORT OF GENERAL COUNCIL

General Council gave notice at the last stated meeting of Presbytery (October 24, 2020) that Council proposes a change to the Bylaws and Manual of Operations, recommending:

- That the Class of 2021 serve until the end of December 2021
- That, beginning in 2021, John Calvin Presbytery elect and install officers and committee members at its last stated meeting of the year, and
- That the new officers and committee members take office on January 1 of the following year.

Thus, terms of service will no longer be “from September 1 through August 31,” but “will be from January 1 through December 31.”

FOR ACTION:

1. That the suggested wording replace the current wording in the Bylaws (3.10 and 4.40) as highlighted below:

Bylaws -- Current wording

3.10 Moderator

The Moderator shall be elected for a term of one (1) year during the third stated meeting of Presbytery and shall ordinarily be installed at the fourth stated meeting of Presbytery. Terms of service will be from September 1 through August 31. As long as he or she is a member of Presbytery, the Moderator will serve until a successor is installed. If the Moderator is unable to moderate, the Moderator-elect will do so. Ordinarily, the Moderator will alternate between clergy and elder and between male and female so that all are equally represented. The duties of the moderator shall be those provided for in the *Book of Order* G-3.0104.

4.40 General Council Officers

(a) The Moderator of the General Council shall be the immediate past Moderator of Presbytery and shall assume this office upon installation of the next Moderator of Presbytery.

(b) The Moderator-elect of Presbytery shall serve as the Vice-Moderator of the General Council, and shall be Acting-Moderator in the event of the absence, the death, or the inability to serve of the Moderator of the General Council.

The Moderator-elect of Presbytery shall be elected for a term of one (1) year during the third stated meeting of Presbytery and shall ordinarily be installed at the third stated meeting of Presbytery. As long as he or she is a member of the Presbytery, the Moderator-elect will serve until a successor is installed. The Moderator-elect shall ordinarily succeed to the office of Moderator.

(c) The General Council may elect such other officers as it deems necessary. **4.50 General Council Responsibilities**

BYLAWS – PROPOSED WORDING:

3.10 Moderator

The Moderator shall **ordinarily** be elected for a term of one (1) year and installed during the **last** stated **Presbytery meeting of the year**. Terms of service will be **from January 1 through December 31**. As long as he or she is a member of Presbytery, the Moderator will serve until a successor is installed. If the Moderator is unable to moderate, the Moderator-elect will do so. Ordinarily, the Moderator will alternate between clergy and elder and between male and female so that all are equally represented.

The duties of the moderator shall be those provided for in the *Book of Order* G-3.0104.

4.40 General Council Officers

“(b) ... The Moderator-elect of Presbytery shall **ordinarily** be elected **and installed** for a term of one (1) year during the **last stated Presbytery meeting of the year...**”

2. That “last stated Presbytery meeting of the year” replace “third stated meeting of Presbytery” and that the other suggested wording replace the current wording in the Manual of Operations (3.10, 4.04, 4.61, 4.62a, and 4.63) as highlighted below:

Manual of Operations -- Current wording:

4.04 Members of standing committees will ordinarily be elected at the third meeting of presbytery and be installed at the third stated meeting. Terms of service will be from September 1 to August 31. When vacancies occur, the Committee on Representation will be informed by the Moderator of the appropriate committee. The Committee on Representation will present a nominee to fill the vacancy at the next stated meeting of Presbytery. Committee members elected to fill unexpired terms will take office immediately upon election. ^[L]_[SEP]

MANUAL OF OPERATIONS—PROPOSED WORDING

3.10 General Council...Nominate members of the Committee on Representation at the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year

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4.61 “This committee [Committee on Representation] will nominate to the Presbytery, the following at the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year or when vacancies occur: (a.) Moderator of Presbytery, (b.) Moderator-elect of Presbytery...”

4.62a. “...Commissioners to the General Assembly and their alternates will be nominated and elected at the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year...”

4.63 ...”the Committee on Representation shall bring to the presbytery at the last stated Presbytery meeting of the year the names of commissioners to the Synod.”

3. That the COVID-19 Administrative Commission continue the grant program for 9 more months, beginning in March, or until the funds run out, with the same people serving on the commission (Dennis Winzenried, Chris Miller, Lou Ellen Hartley, Bill Agnew, and Martha Bledsoe).

FOR INFORMATION:

The total offering collected at the 200th meeting of Presbytery on October 24, 2020 was \$159.98, of which \$80.00 went to Crocker Presbyterian Church for the Crocker Food Pantry and \$79.99 to the Creative Ministries Grant Fund of the Presbytery.

Actions taken:

- Invited Co-Moderators of General Assembly to engage with us during our May Stated Presbytery meeting concerning the Matthew 25 initiative.
- Approved docket as amended for February stated meeting of Presbytery.
- Approved participation in the Vital Congregations initiative.
- Approved, when someone who is not a member of John Calvin Presbytery preaches for worship at a presbytery meeting, using funds in the presbytery meeting line item to make a donation to the institution that employs the preacher, in the value of the current pulpit supply amount.
- Requested more information about our potential obligations and benefits if involved in events being planned by executive presbyters in the Synod.