Overtures to the General Assembly

A Heart's Voice Speaks to the World

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Why?

Is this a national concern?

“Hard cases make bad law.”

Research

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223rd General Assembly (2018)

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223rd General Assembly (2018)

[08] Environmental Issues

Consider matters related to: the church's response to issues and matters related to carbon fuels, food sovereignty and the environment.

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Source: Presbytery
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Sponsor: Monmouth Presbytery
Type: General Assembly Full Consideration

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Action Summary

Recommendation	Action
On this Item, the Environmental Issues Committee acted as follows:	Approve as Amended (CA)
On this Item, the General Assembly acted as follows:	Approve as Amended (AA)

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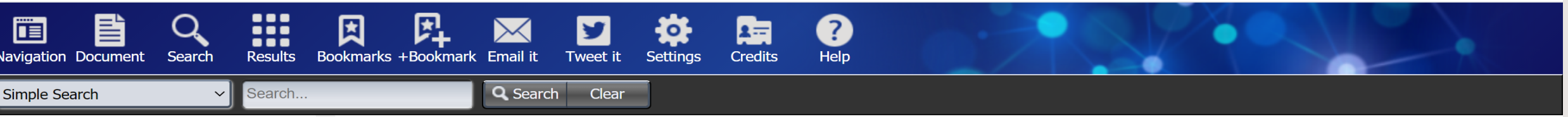

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G-1.04 Categories of Membership

The membership of a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) includes baptized members, active members, and affiliate members.

Amend Rejected (**2012, 26, 28, 596, Item 06-12**): Rejected adding a new section on special consideration for membership for families serving yoked churches.

Amend Rejected (**2010, 58, 325, Item 05-09**): Rejected creating new category of part-year associate members "who maintain more than one residence on a permanent basis in multiple communities."

PJC (**1985, 197-3,** 114, 11.066, Hardwick v. Pearsall Church): Notes the right of every member to pastoral care and the responsibilities of pastor and session to provide such care.

Earlier References:

(**UPCUSA (GA, 1974, 212, 345ff**): Report of Special Committee on Church Membership.

G-1.0401 Baptized Member

A baptized member is a person who has received the Sacrament of Baptism, whether in this congregation or elsewhere, and who has been enrolled as a baptized member by the session but who has not made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Such baptized members receive the pastoral care and instruction of the church, and may participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

GA (**2006, 38, 40, 448, Item 05-30**): Clarified meaning of baptized member in this paragraph and in the roll of baptized members maintained by the session.

GA (**1993, 336, 21.142, Req. 93-17**): The session does not have the authority to exclude any baptized but unconfirmed person from the Lord's Supper, provided that person has received a Trinitarian baptism. See also W-2.4011.

PJC (**1985, 197-3, 114, 11.066**, Hardwick v. Session of Pearsall Memorial Church): Every member of the church has a right to pastoral care and it is the responsibility of pastor and session to provide such care.

Earlier References:

PCUS (**GA, 1976, 184-197**): Report on Admission to the Lord's Table.

UPCUSA (GA, 1970, 627ff.): Report of Special Committee on Baptized Children Participating in the Lord's Supper Prior to Confirmation (**PCUS, 1976, 184-197**).

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Format

Recommendation(s)

The Presbytery [or Synod] of _____ overtures the [# of the assembly] General Assembly [(year)] of the PC(USA) to [state the specific action the General Assembly is asked to take].

Rationale

Who?

When?

presbytery or synod rules/customs

GA deadlines

- 120 days: Constitutional amendment or interpretation
- 60 days: Financial implications
- 45 days: All other overtures

Concurrences

Required for presbytery overtures, but not for synods

Deadlines:

- First concurrence, same as original overture
- Subsequent concurrences, 45 days

Advice & Counsel

Advisory Committee on the Constitution (ACC)

Affected agencies (ASG, BOP, FDN, OGA, PILP, PMA, PPC)

Agency boards/committees (e.g. COGA, PMAB)

Advisory and advocacy committees (ACSWP, ACWC, REAC)

GA Committee

Open hearings

Overture Advocate (OA)

Overture Submission Guide

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