

Resolutions to be adopted for 2022:

Temporary Bylaws for 2022

Permanent Judicial Commission as required [G-3.0109a, D-5.0101]

The Synod shall elect a Permanent Judicial Commission of eleven members, one from each of the Synod's 11 presbyteries. Each commission shall be composed of teaching and ruling elders in numbers as nearly equal as possible. The term for each member of a permanent judicial commission shall be six (6) years. [D-5.0101]. No one shall serve as a member of the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission who is a member of a Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission or the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission. The Commission shall meet in February of each year to elect its own officers: Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk and Associate Clerk [D-5.0201]. All other guidelines and responsibilities are according to the *PCUSA Book of Order*, D-5.000.

Investigating Committee. When an accusation against an individual under the authority of the Synod of Covenant is received by the Stated Clerk, the Stated Clerk shall notify the Synod Moderator who, in consultation with the Stated Clerk and the Synod Executive, shall appoint an Investigating Committee. If the Moderator is unable or unwilling to make the appointment, the Vice-Moderator shall designate the committee. [D-10.0201.] Names of the Investigating Committee shall be given at the next meeting of the Synod.

Committee of Counsel. When the Stated Clerk is notified a complaint or allegation has been filed against the Synod, the Stated Clerk shall notify the Synod Moderator who, in consultation with the Stated Clerk and the Synod Executive shall appoint three members to serve as Committee of Counsel. If the Moderator is unable or unwilling to make the appointment, the Vice-Moderator shall appoint the committee. [D-6.0302a.]

Administrative Commission. If a committee or commission of the Synod deems it wise for an Administrative Commission to be appointed, they shall, after consultation with the Moderator, Stated Clerk and Synod Executive, recommend such a commission for the Synod's approval. The purpose and powers of such a commission shall also be recommended. Between Synod Assemblies, the Moderator, in consultation with Stated Clerk and the Synod Executive may appoint an Administrative Commission. The Synod Assembly shall affirm the appointment of the Administrative Commission at the next Synod Assembly immediately following the appointment. The Administrative Commission shall provide an update/report to the Synod Assembly at each meeting of the Synod. [G-3.0109b].

Resolution on the Trustees for 2022

1. Membership
 - a. The Board of Trustees of the corporation shall be composed of six (6) people, three (3) teaching elders and three (3) ruling elders, who shall be elected by the Corporation of the Synod. They shall be elected in three (3) classes of two (2) members each for a 3-year term and serve no more than six (6) consecutive years. (G-4.0102)
 - b. Members of the Board of Trustees for 2022 were elected by the Synod Assembly in October 2021.
 - c. The Board of Trustees shall serve as the Budget and Finance Committee.
 - d. The Trustees of the Corporation shall be of legal age in the State of Ohio, whether or not they are residents of the State of Ohio.
 - e. The Synod Treasurer, shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees with voice, but no vote and Treasurer of the Corporation.
 - f. The Synod Executive shall be an ex officio member of the Board of Trustees with voice, but no vote.
 - g. Stated Clerk shall also be ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees with voice but no vote.
2. Term
 - a. Three year terms in three classes
 - b. May serve a total of six consecutive years.
3. Officer
 - a. The Budget and Finance Committee at its February meeting shall elect the person to serve as the President of the Trustees. The President shall be elected for a one-year term but there is no limit to the number of terms.
 - b. The Synod shall ratify the President elected by the Budget and Finance Committee.
4. Meeting
 - a. Meetings shall be called by the President of the Trustees when directed by the Synod Assembly.
 - b. The quorum is a majority of members currently serving.
5. Responsibilities of the Trustees
 - a. The Board of Trustees shall receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property and facilitate the management of the Synod's civil affairs in such manner as may be directed by the Synod and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
 - b. The Trustees shall secure a full financial review of all books and records of the Presbytery by an independent accountant annually and report the results to the Synod Assembly. [G-3.0113]
 - c. The Trustees shall be responsible for overseeing and maintaining the lease agreements that exist between the synod and the owner of the Synod's leased office facilities, and between the Synod and the owner of any other property

in such a manner as may be directed by the Synod according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- d. The Trustees shall hold, reinvest, and keep funds belonging to the Synod, including funds held in trust for the Synod, in such a manner as may be directed by the Synod and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- e. The Trustees shall execute contracts in the states within the bounds of the Synod in such a manner as may be directed by the Synod according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- f. The Trustees shall review the insurance coverage/policies of the Synod at least annually and report annually to the Synod Assembly the state of the Synod's insurance coverage.
- g. The Trustees shall review the Policies of the Board of Trustee regularly and make recommendations to the Synod Assembly for changes.