

TO: Presbytery Commissioners  
FROM: Michael Lochow, Stated Clerk  
DATE: October 15, 2019  
RE: Language to carry out recommended changes to Presbytery Bylaws

In accordance with the action taken by the Leadership Pod at its meeting on May 16, 2019, and September 19, 2019, and as required by B-12.0000, Article XII, Amendments and Suspension, you are notified of the following proposed amendments to the Presbytery Bylaws.

B-5.0401, Membership Voting Members shall be: Chair of the Pod; the Moderator of the Presbytery (who shall be vice-chairperson of the Pod); the Vice-Moderator of Presbytery; the Treasurer of Presbytery; the chairpersons of the Care for Congregation Pod, Care for Pastoral Leadership Pod, Mission Pod, Committee on Representation, and Nominating Committee. It shall have such other task leaders and members as are required to carry out its responsibilities. Non-Voting members shall be the Stated Clerk, who will serve as secretary to the Pod, and the Presbytery Leader.

RATIONALE: The Presbytery Leader was not a position that existed when the Bylaws were amended in 2017. This officially makes the Presbytery Leader a part of the Leadership Pod.

#### **Creation of the Preparation for Ministry Pod:**

B-5.0000, ARTICLE V  
PODS

There shall be ~~four~~ five Pods: Care for Congregations Pod, Care for Pastoral Leaders Pod, Leadership Pod, ~~and~~ Mission Pod, and Preparation for Ministry Pod. ... All Pods shall report at each stated meeting of the Presbytery.

B-5.0302, Responsibilities

This Pod shall be responsible for, but not limited to, the process by which pastoral leaders enter and leave the Presbytery and shall have the powers described in G-3.0307. This Pod shall also be responsible for ~~the care, following, and oversight of inquirers and candidates, the commissioned ruling elders, and~~ the continuing education of ministers of the Word and Sacrament and to approve annually the status of at-large members and validated ministries.

#### **B-5.0550, PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY POD**

.The Pod will function in accordance with the Book of Order, G-2.06, Preparation for Ministry.

B-5.0551, Membership

The Preparation for Ministry Pod will have a chair elected by the Presbytery. It shall have such task leaders and members as are required to carry out its responsibilities.

B-5.0552, Responsibilities

The Pod shall be responsible for the care, following, and oversight of the inquirers and candidates for ordination or commissioned ministry.