



2017 General Assembly Legislation Resulting in Procedural Changes

Item	<i>Manual Reference(s)</i>	Description of Procedural Change
a.	<u>25.3</u>	General Assembly quorum changes
b.	<u>25.4</u> and <u>305.2</u>	The number of members of the BGS has been set at 6
c.	<u>26</u>	Change from majority to 2/3 on ratification of constitutional amendments
d.	<u>27</u>	The Articles of Faith Study Committee reports to the BGS and they report to the General Assembly
e.	<u>31</u>	Highlighting the paragraphs on Human Sexuality and Marriage (not necessarily procedural, but worth noting)
f.	<u>32.5</u> , <u>317.10</u>	Shared responsibility for funding the mission of the denomination
g.	<u>104</u>	Congregational vote required on additional debt
h.	<u>104.2</u>	Proceeds from property sale and insurance payments can now be used to plant new churches
i.	<u>116</u>	More definition for maternity/paternity leave
j.	<u>121</u>	Process on election of co-pastors
k.	<u>123.4</u>	Regular review: now requires a 2/3 church board vote to go to the congregation (formerly majority)
l.	<u>123.5</u>	Regular review: now requires a 2/3 affirmative vote of the congregation (formerly majority)
m.	<u>125.1</u>	DS can recuse other family members of the pastor in a Special Review
n.	<u>125.2</u>	Special Review: now requires 2/3 vote of the church board to go to a congregational vote (formerly majority)
o.	<u>125.3</u>	Special Review: now requires 2/3 affirmative vote of the congregation (formerly majority)
p.	<u>127</u>	No ordained or licensed ministers can serve on the church board except with pastor and DS permission. Unassigned district licensed ministers who are in the Course of Study may serve.
q.	<u>128</u>	Church board meetings may be conducted electronically
r.	<u>201</u>	Only missionaries who were active at the time of their retirement can be members of the district assembly
s.	<u>204</u>	District entities may conduct business electronically
t.	<u>205.15</u> , <u>229</u>	District secretary added to credentials board. If ordained, they are voting members. Lay persons are non-voting members.
u.	<u>210</u>	New language on the role of the district superintendent
v.	<u>211.5</u>	DS reports annually on # of church/pastoral reviews conducted
w.	<u>211.20</u> , <u>540.1</u>	Creation of a recovery team for ministers under discipline

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x.	225.5 , 538.20	Development of a plan for restoration of ministers under discipline
y.	225.7	When the DAB incorporates, legal papers must indicate that the corporation is governed by the <i>Manual</i>
z.	245.3	When a DS resigns/retires, district staff will immediately resign (change from 30 days after new DS assumes office)
aa.	301.1	GA representation
bb.	306	GS responsibilities now include jurisdiction as well as administration
cc.	338	Guidance on subsidiaries
dd.	344.2	Election of Global NMI Director
ee.	507	Retired chaplains can now be listed RA/Chap
ff.	525	New role code for PAC pastors
gg.	528	GS approval is no longer needed for routine SPC assignments
hh.	528.2	SPC may now be used for ministers between assignments, short-term
ii.	531.1	Background checks required for local licensed ministers
jj.	532.1	Expanded requirements for receiving a district license
kk.	532.2	Expanded requirements for granting a district license to those coming from other denominations
ll.	536.2	Retired ministers who are incapacitated can be exempted from reporting
mm.	538	Changes in definitions and terms in regulations for ministers: “Roster of ministers” – new term “Removed” – new definition: Now refers to the “action of the assembly” “Revoked credential” – new term: Refers to the “status of the credential” “Recovery” – new term “Reinstatement” – new term “Expelled” – new term: Refers to the status of a minister whose credential has been revoked and removed from membership in the church
nn.	539.11	New process for reinstatement of resigned or revoked credential
oo.	Section J, par. 540-540.12	New section on the Restoration of a Member of the Clergy. Note: there is no longer a permanent exclusion of those with same-sex misconduct
pp.	601.2	DAB is now included with the DS in responding to allegations of misconduct of ministers on a given district. The JGS now responds to allegations of misconduct involving an FSC or RD.
qq.	603-603.2	Conflict resolution and reconciliation
rr.	605.3	Lay misconduct with minors

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