

## ***RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE AND PROCEDURES FOR VOTING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION***

***March 20-21, 2009***

**MOTION:** to adopt the following Rules of Decorum and Debate and Procedures for Voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution Approved by the 218th General Assembly (2008) and Recommended to the Presbyteries for Their Affirmative or Negative Vote.

### ***RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE for PROPOSED AMENDMENTS***

(Based upon RONR 331)

1. Speeches limited to 2 minutes by those eligible to vote, alternating pro and con. There will be a microphone and those wishing to speak will line up behind the microphone and will be recognized on an alternating basis between pro and con. The Stated Clerk will maintain a timer.
2. Each person may speak twice on a subject and may not speak a second time until everyone who wishes has spoken.
3. Remarks shall be confined to the pending question/issue/amendment and
4. Remarks shall not impugn another person or that person's motives.
5. All remarks shall be addressed to the moderator.
6. Persons' names should not be used, except by way of introduction of yourself when addressing the assembly.
7. Remarks may not refer adversely to prior acts or discussion.
8. Reports or documents are not to be read or distributed.
9. Persons shall not disturb the assembly.

### **PROCEDURES FOR DEBATE AND VOTING** (Approved by the Agenda Planning Committee)

1. An \* Order of the Day has been established with One Hour (60 minutes) docketed for debate and vote on all amendments.
2. Beginning with an Order of the Day at 10:20 a.m. on Saturday March 21, 2009 the schedule with Orders of the Day for considering and voting on the amendments is shown below.

#### **\* 10:20 a.m. CONSENT AGENDA CONSIDERATION \***

The following Proposed Amendments, which were approved by the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008) by either Voice Vote or Consensus, have been listed on a Consent Agenda for approval by the Presbytery by a Voice Vote. **Presbyters have the right to request a Proposed Amendment be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration and vote.** A motion to approve those proposed amendments remaining on the Consent Agent will be voted by a single voice vote.

**08-A. Vows of Membership—On Amending G-5.0200**

**08-C. Replacing “Sympathy” with “Compassion”—On Amending G-6.0202b and G-6.0401**

**08-D. General Assembly Council Name Change—On Amending Throughout the *Book of Order***

**08-E. Non-geographic Presbyteries—On Amending G-11.0102 and G-12.0102k**

**08-F. Presbytery Membership of Certified Christian Educators—On Amending G-11.0407 and G-14.0730**

**08-G. Synod Membership on Permanent Committees—On Amending G-13.0107, G-13.0108, and G-13.0202a**

**08-H. Five Ordination Examinations—On Amending G-14.0431**

**08-I. Certified Christian Educators—On Amending G-14.0730**

- 08-J. Alternative Forms of Resolution—On Amending D-2.0103 and D-10.0202h**
- 08-K. Ecumenical Statement with the Roman Catholic Church**
- 08-L. Ecumenical Statement with the Episcopal Church**
- 08-M. Ecumenical Statement with the Korean Presbyterian Church in America**
- 08-N. Ecumenical Statement with the Moravian Church**

[Note: 20 minutes allocated for Consent Agenda Consideration]

**\* 10:40 a.m. INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION AND VOTE BY BALLOT \***

- 08-B. Ordained Officers—On Amending G-6.0106b, G-14.0240, and G-14.0450**

[Note: 40 minutes allocated for Consideration of 08-B]

The Order of the Day for consideration of Proposed Amendment 08-B will be observed if consideration of the Consent Agenda Amendments extends beyond the time allotted. Should debate and the vote on the Consent Agenda Amendments be completed in a shorter time period than scheduled consideration will proceed immediately to Proposed Amendment 08-B.

3. The written report of the Bills and Overture Committee presented at the January 17, 2009 Presbytery meeting is also included with the Call to the March 20-21, 2009 meeting and is advisory only. The Presbytery will be voting directly on the amendments and not on the report of the committee.
4. A member of the Bills and Overture Committee (Commissioners to the 218th General Assembly) will move consideration of the proposed amendments as they are outlined above and in the Proposed Amendments Approved by the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008) Booklet published by the Office of the Stated Clerk of the PCUSA.
5. Voting will be by a Voice Vote on all amendments except for 08-B which will be by ballot.
6. Presbytery could move to extend the time of floor discussion.