General Assembly 227: Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

Voting Sheet, Arranged by Group

These amendments to the Book of Order were approved by the 227th General Assembly (2026) and recommended to the presbyteries for their vote. Each amendment receives its own vote. Page numbers refer to the GA227 Proposed Amendments booklet.

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Group 1 · Public witness

MOTION	SECTION	PAGES	ITEM	VOTE
26-A	F-1.0305 (RUS-01)	4–9	Adds "Faithful Witness in Public Life": rejects ideologies tying Christianity to state power or to national, racial, or ethnic supremacy as theological error	YES / NO

Group 2 · Renaming and organizing the path to ordination

MOTION	SECTION	PAGES	ITEM	VOTE
26-D	G-2.06 (ORD-02)	18–19	Retitles G-2.06 "Preparation for the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament"	YES / NO
26-I	G-2.0606 (ORD-02)	35–36	New section stating the education requirement: ATS master's degree with Hebrew and Greek	YES / NO
26-J	G-2.0606 (ORD-02)	37–38	Retitles the existing G-2.0606 (Service in Covenant Relationship)	YES / NO
26-L	G-2.0607 (ORD-02)	52–53	Ties readiness to the education requirements in G-2.0606	YES / NO
26-M	G-2.07 (ORD-02)	54–56	Retitles G-2.07 "Ordination to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament"	YES / NO

Group 3 · Preparing and ordaining ministers

MOTION	SECTION	PAGES	ITEM	VOTE
26-B	G-2.0102 (ORD-07 D)	10–12	Ordered ministries: each order is equally important; ordination is unique to each order	YES / NO
26-E	G-2.0601 (ORD-07 A)	20–25	Training every three years for the presbytery's preparation-for-ministry body and liaisons	YES / NO
26-F	G-2.0603 (ORD-07 B)	26–30	Inquiry phase: adds anti-racism training, background checks, and psychosocial and vocational evaluation	YES / NO
26-K	G-2.0607 (ORD-07 C)	39–51	Readiness for ordination: drops the regionally accredited undergraduate requirement; allows Senior Ordination Portfolios alongside or instead of standard exams	YES / NO

Group 4 · Commissioned ruling elders and presbytery membership

MOTION	SECTION	PAGES	ITEM	VOTE
26-N	G-2.1002 (ORD-07 F)	57–60	Commissioned ruling elders: a denominational baseline for education and preparation	YES / NO
26-Q	G-2.1002 (ORD-07 H)	68–70	Lets a presbytery count a Certified Christian Educator's training toward commissioning	YES / NO
26-W	G-3.0301 (ORD-07 E)	88–92	Presbytery enrolls commissioned ruling elders with voice and vote during their active commission	YES / NO
26-X	G-3.0301 (ORD-07 G)	93–97	Membership and baptismal rolls, plus voice and vote, for new worshiping communities and immigrant fellowships	YES / NO

Group 5 · Anti-racism

MOTION	SECTION	PAGES	ITEM	VOTE
26-C	G-2.0104c (RAC-04 4b)	13–17	Requires anti-racism formation for inquirers and candidates	YES / NO
26-O	G-2.1002 (RAC-04 4c)	61–64	Adds anti-racism training for commissioned ruling elders	YES / NO
26-R	G-2.1101 (RAC-04 4d)	71–73	Certified church service: ongoing formation and continuing education	YES / NO
26-T	G-3.0106 (RAC-04 4a)	77–81	Adds an antiracism policy to the policies every council must adopt	YES / NO

Group 6 · Clarifying training requirements

MOTION	SECTION	PAGES	ITEM	VOTE
26-G	G-2.0603 (CON-09)	31–32	Clarifies the inquiry-phase training language	YES / NO
26-H	G-2.0606 (CON-09)	33–34	New section: boundary and abuse-prevention training for those preparing for Word and Sacrament, recertified every 36 months	YES / NO
26-P	G-2.1002 (CON-09)	65–67	Clarifies boundary and abuse-prevention training for commissioned ruling elders	YES / NO
26-S	G-2.1103 (CON-09)	74–76	Christian educators: clarifies training requirements	YES / NO
26-U	G-3.0106 (CON-09)	82–84	Clarifies training requirements within required council policies	YES / NO
26-V	G-3.0206 (CON-09)	85–87	New section: session members complete boundary and abuse-prevention training every 36 months	YES / NO
26-Y	G-3.0306 (CON-09)	98–102	Membership of the presbytery (part of the training-requirement cleanup)	YES / NO