

GA	#	Presbytery	Congregation	Topic	Concept	Referred to...	Request	Answered
141st (2015)	1	Montreal		Translating Leading with Care into French		Assembly Council	to have all documents pertaining to Leading with Care translated fully into French, costs to be paid by The Presbyterian Church in Canada,	
141st (2015)	2	Algoma-North Bay		Amending guarantee of stipend terms		Assembly Council in consultation with LMA - (Ministry & church vocations)	to amend the guarantee of stipend to clergy and others to clarify for all concerned the intent of the financial package being offered to the candidate for induction, noting a suggested amendment might be: "and agree to add to the stipend and allowances annually in view of any changes in the cost of living and the needs of our minister."	
141st (2015)	3	Westminster		Budgeting for General Assembly costs		Assembly Council	the General Assembly budget, beginning with the General Assembly subsequent to the 141st General Assembly in 2015	
141st (2015)	4	East Toronto		Full inclusion in the church of all persons regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity	Inclusion	LMA (Justice Ministries)	- to cease ecclesial discipline in the courts of the church against ordained ministers of Word and Sacraments, diaconal ministers, and elders where such discipline is based on such ministers and elders being in committed, faithful relationships with people of the same sex, and - to prepare through the Life and Mission Agency of the General Assembly, in consultation with Justice Ministries a declaratory statement for the General Assembly that affirms that The Presbyterian Church in Canada is fully inclusive of every person regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity in all aspects of church life, including calling, designation, ordination, and marriage equality as a matter of justice and hospitality,	
141st (2015)	5	Waterloo-Wellington	-	Full inclusion for LGBT Persons	Inclusion		to affirm that The Presbyterian Church in Canada is fully inclusive of every person regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity in all aspects of church life, calling and relationship as a matter of justice and hospitality;	
141st (2015)	6	Waterloo-Wellington	Kortright, Guelph	Affirm 1994 Statement on Human Sexuality	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be	

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141st (2015)	7	Waterloo-Wellington	St. Andrew's Arthur	Affirm 1994 Statement on Human Sexuality	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be faithful to the Word, the Holy Spirit and the Church's prophetic vocation, in this particular cultural moment (b.) what it means concretely to form gospel communities which are truth-telling and love-embodying, and where women and men, of whatever orientation or sex-history, may find that "fullness of life" which is promised as much to the unmarried, as to the married (Living Faith 8.2.2), (c.) what it means for a Presbyterian polity to navigate disunity in ways that are responsible to Scripture, as our supreme standard, and to our vows at ordination;	
141st (2015)	8	Waterloo-Wellington	St. Paul's Guelph	Affirm 1994 Statement on Human Sexuality	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be faithful to the Word, the Holy Spirit and the Church's prophetic vocation, in this particular cultural moment (b.) what it means concretely to form gospel communities which are truth-telling and love-embodying, and where women and	

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141st (2015)	9	Pickering		Dissolving the pastoral tie during long term disability		Pension & Benefits Board in consultation with Clerks of Assembly	to adopt a policy concerning long term disability benefits which makes it clear that, in an instance of long term disability, the pastoral tie will be dissolved after a period of one year of long term disability benefits (approximately nineteen months after the disability begins),
141st (2015)	10	Barrie	Essa Road, Barrie, ON	Affirm 1994 Statement on Human Sexuality	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be faithful to the Word, the Holy Spirit and the Church's prophetic vocation, in this particular cultural moment (b.) what it means concretely to form gospel communities which are truth-telling and love-embodying, and where women and men, of whatever orientation or sex-history, may find that "fullness of life" which is promised as much to the unmarried, as to the married (Living Faith 8.2.2), (c.) what it means for a Presbyterian polity to navigate disunity in ways that are responsible to Scripture, as our supreme standard, and to our vows at ordination;
141st (2015)	11	Barrie	Ivy, ON	Affirming the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994)	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be faithful to the Word, the Holy Spirit and the Church's prophetic vocation, in this particular cultural moment (b.) what it means concretely to form gospel

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141st (2015)	12	Barrie	St. Andrew's, Huntsville, ON	Affirming the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994)	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be faithful to the Word, the Holy Spirit and the Church's prophetic vocation, in this particular cultural moment (b.) what it means concretely to form gospel communities which are truth-telling and love-embodiment, and where women and men, of whatever orientation or sex-history, may find that "fullness of life" which is promised as much to the unmarried, as to the married (Living Faith 8.2.2), (c.) what it means for a Presbyterian polity to navigate disunity in ways that are responsible to Scripture, as our supreme standard, and to our vows at ordination;
141st (2015)	13	Northern Saskatchewan		Establishing a Native Ministries Endowment Fund		LMA - (Justice and Canadian Ministries),	to 1. establish a Native Ministry Endowment Fund to be invested with the consolidated fund of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2. delegate the administration of the income realized from that fund annually to the National Native Ministry Council of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for support of its ministries in healing and reconciliation, 3. direct that a tithe (10%) of all undesignated bequests to The Presbyterian Church in Canada be deposited into the Native Ministry Endowment Fund, 4. direct that a tithe (10%) of the money realized by the national church from the disposal of property within The Presbyterian Church in Canada be

							deposited into the Native Ministry Endowment Fund, 5. direct the Planned Giving office of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to assist the National Native Ministry Council in preparing materials and promoting the Native Ministry Endowment Fund as a good place to leave a legacy,	
141st (2015)	14	Paris	Innerkip, ON	Study paper on Human Sexuality affirming the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994)	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine in consultation with LMA (Justice)	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be faithful to the Word, the Holy Spirit and the Church's prophetic vocation, in this particular cultural moment (b.) what it means concretely to form gospel communities which are truth-telling and love-embodying, and where women and men, of whatever orientation or sex-history, may find that "fullness of life" which is promised as much to the unmarried, as to the married (Living Faith 8.2.2), (c.) what it means for a Presbyterian polity to navigate disunity in ways that are responsible to Scripture, as our supreme standard, and to our vows at ordination;	
141st (2015)	15	Pickering		Calling the church to listen regarding human sexuality	Inclusion	LMA (Justice Ministries) and Church Doctrine	to engage the church in a fresh round of "listening" through (a) developing an intentional strategy within the church's congregations and courts where we can share stories and explore the scriptures, and (b) creating a safe space for this sharing by removing any possibility of church discipline for those who come forward with their stories,	
141st (2015)	16	Oak Ridges		Encourage dialogue on marriage and sexuality	Inclusion	Church Doctrine	to pursue unity and consensus within the church by encouraging presbyteries to familiarize their congregations with relevant scriptures and the official documents of The Presbyterian Church in Canada pertaining to marriage and sexuality, and to create opportunities for respectful theological dialogue with emphasis placed on points of agreement	
141st (2015)	17	Halifax & Lunenburg		Holding GA in a central location		Assembly Council	to consider eliminating the practice of meeting outside central or southern	

							Ontario every five years and to consider holding the Assembly in one location in central or southern Ontario for a number of consecutive years	
141st (2015)	18	New Brunswick	Bethel, Riverview	Study paper on Human Sexuality affirming the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994)	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be faithful to the Word, the Holy Spirit and the Church's prophetic vocation, in this particular cultural moment (b.) what it means concretely to form gospel communities which are truth-telling and love-embodying, and where women and men, of whatever orientation or sex-history, may find that "fullness of life" which is promised as much to the unmarried, as to the married (Living Faith 8.2.2), (c.) what it means for a Presbyterian polity to navigate disunity in ways that are responsible to Scripture, as our supreme standard, and to our vows at ordination;	
141st (2015)	19	New Brunswick	St. Andrew's Church, Moncton	Study paper on Human Sexuality affirming the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994)	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be faithful to the Word, the Holy Spirit and the Church's prophetic vocation, in this particular cultural moment (b.) what it means concretely to form gospel communities which are truth-telling and love-embodying, and where women and men, of whatever orientation or sex-history, may find that "fullness of life" which is promised as much to the unmarried, as to the married (Living Faith 8.2.2), (c.) what it means for a Presbyterian polity to navigate disunity in ways that are responsible to Scripture, as our supreme standard, and to our vows at ordination;	
141st	20	New		Review Book of		Clerks of	to: 1. offer clarity regarding the	

(2015)		Brunswick		Forms, Appendix I re Minister-in-Association		Assembly	relationship of a minister-in-association with the session and incumbent, 2. to change the following: "Should the session and the minister-in-association wish to change the terms of the agreement, the changes are to be submitted to the presbytery for approval" to "Should the incumbent, the session and/or the minister-in-association wish to change the terms of the agreement, the changes are to be submitted to the presbytery for consideration and approval.", 3. include within this policy a periodic review of terms of association by the presbytery, such as when a new minister is inducted and/or during presbytery visits to the charge where there is a (are) minister(s)-in-association,	
141st (2015)	21	Western Han-Ca		Study paper on Human Sexuality affirming the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994)	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine in consultation with LMA (Justice)	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be faithful to the Word, the Holy Spirit and the Church's prophetic vocation, in this particular cultural moment (b.) what it means concretely to form gospel communities which are truth-telling and love-emboding, and where women and men, of whatever orientation or sex-history, may find that "fullness of life" which is promised as much to the unmarried, as to the married (Living Faith 8.2.2), (c.) what it means for a Presbyterian polity to navigate disunity in ways that are responsible to Scripture, as our supreme standard, and to our vows at ordination;	
141st (2015)	22	Winnipeg		Establishing a Native Ministries Endowment Fund		Assembly Council & LMA (Justice Ministries)	to: 1. establish a Native Ministry Endowment Fund to be invested with the consolidated portfolio of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2. delegate the administration of the income realized from that fund annually to the National Native Ministry Council of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for support of its ministries in healing and	

							<p>reconciliation,</p> <p>3. direct that a tithe (10%) of all undesignated bequests to The Presbyterian Church in Canada be deposited into the Native ministry endowment fund,</p> <p>4. direct that a tithe (10%) of the money realized by the national church from the disposal of property within The Presbyterian Church in Canada be deposited into the Native Ministry Endowment Fund,</p> <p>5. direct the Planned Giving office of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to assist the National Native Ministry Council in preparing materials and promoting the Native Ministry Endowment Fund as a good place to leave a legacy,</p>	
141st (2015)	23	Calgary-MacLeod		Gay and lesbian candidates for ministry and same-sex marriages	Inclusion	Church Doctrine in consultation with LMA (Justice)	to prepare declaratory legislation which enables presbyteries and sessions to consider for certification gay and lesbian candidates for ministry and which enables sessions to give permission for the celebration of marriage for gay or lesbian couples who come under their pastoral care.	
141st (2015)	24	Waterloo-Wellington	St. Andrew's Kitchener	Full inclusion for LGBT Persons	Inclusion		to affirm that The Presbyterian Church in Canada is fully inclusive of every person regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity in all aspects of church life, calling and relationship as a matter of justice and hospitality;	
141st (2015)	25	Waterloo-Wellington	Knox, Galt	Revisioning and restructuring the Diaconate		LMA (Ministry & Church vocations) and Order of Diaconal Ministries	a) to critically evaluate the function of both diaconal offices in the church and evaluate if there should be a convergence into one diaconal office overseen by presbytery, thereby fully transitioning to the newer diaconal model established by the deaconesses of our church, that encompasses ministry that extends far beyond financial oversight in the church, and b) to allow diaconal ministers to use the term "deacon" in their public ministry, thereby allowing them to identify with a biblical office and a shared ecumenical term, and c) to ordain diaconal ministers; that is, set them in an order of ministry that extends back to the deacons of the early Church, so that they may share in	

							ordination with elders, minister of word and sacrament and congregational deacons, and d) to critically evaluate the purpose and function of a religious order of a modern-day, reformed church and consider implementing spiritual formation and an invited rule of life as core spiritual practices that better distinguish it as a religious order, and e) to establish clear guidelines and criteria for persons who wish to pursue a call outside of the church, and f) to re-establish this office as a missional office of the church that focuses on caring for the most needy, marginalized and vulnerable persons, and create a vision for how this bridging ministry plays out between the church and the world, both for those who are placed in the church and for those placed outside of the church, and g) to re-evaluate the educational requirements and consider allowing persons to enter into professional offices that fully equip and certify them for ministry in areas of healing, justice, and discipleship, with one year of core theological training at seminary, and h) to consider allowing a designation after one's name as a credential other than MDiv,	
141st (2015)	26	Algoma-North Bay	St. Paul's, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	Affirming the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994)	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice)	to prepare, through the committee on church doctrine, an appendix to the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994) which affirms the original content/intent of that report, and which addresses current literature on the subject of same-sex intimacy and relationships, with particular attention to (a.) what it means to be faithful to the Word, the Holy Spirit and the Church's prophetic vocation, in this particular cultural moment (b.) what it means concretely to form gospel communities which are truth-telling and love-embodying, and where women and men, of whatever orientation or sex-history, may find that "fullness of life" which is promised as much to the unmarried, as to the married (Living Faith 8.2.2), (c.) what it means for a Presbyterian polity to navigate disunity in ways that are responsible to Scripture, as our supreme standard, and to our vows at ordination;	
141st	27	East Toronto	Glenview,	Health and dental		Pension &	to permit opting out for church workers	

(2015)			Toronto	plan membership options		Benefits Board	who are already members of another benefits plan while permitting access to The Presbyterian Church in Canada benefits plan for any other eligible staff in a congregation, or other agency related to The Presbyterian Church in Canada,	
141st (2015)	28	Cape Breton		Fees charged by financial institutions		LMA (Justice Ministries)	to approach the major banks in Canada and financial lending institutions and request a reduction in fees to charitable and not-for-profit organizations	
141st (2015)	29	Niagara	Knox, St. Catharines, ON	Review biblical texts that speak to homosexual relationships	Inclusion	Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice)	to direct the Church Doctrine Committee to review how The Presbyterian Church in Canada has formerly addressed the issue of homosexual relationships, and in particular to study the traditional exegesis of the biblical texts that speak to this issue, alongside the various revisionist readings of those texts that have been suggested in recent decades, so to prepare a report that will guide the church on this contentious issue,	
141st (2015)	30	Barrie	St. Andrew's, Barrie, ON	Full inclusion of all persons regardless of sexual orientation	Inclusion	Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice)	to: - cease ecclesial discipline in the courts of the church against ordained ministers of word and sacraments, diaconal ministers and elders where such discipline is based on such ministers and elders being in committed, faithful relationships with people of the same sex, and - prepare through the Life and Mission Agency of the General Assembly, in consultation with Justice Ministries a declaratory statement for the General Assembly that affirms that The Presbyterian Church in Canada is fully inclusive of every person regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity in all aspects of church life, including calling, designation, ordination, and marriage equality as a matter of justice and hospitality;	
141st (2015)	31	Calgary-MacLeod	Valleyview	Affirming the Statement on Human Sexuality (1994)	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice)	to affirm and uphold the 1994 Statement on Human Sexuality	
141st (2015)	32	Pickering	Grace, West Hill, Toronto	To uphold marriage as between one man and one woman	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice)	to: - continue, as a unified voice, to uphold our historic and biblical stance that marriage is designed by God as a holy covenant between one man and one	

							woman exclusively, and - encourage the faithful to lovingly care for all persons and, if any unrepentant sin is found within the Church, with all gentleness, humility and prayer correct that brother or sister until repentance is attained, for such is our calling from God,	
141st (2015)	33	Pickering	Bridlewood, Toronto, ON	Addressing issues of human sexuality	Traditional view of Sexuality	Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice)	to call for strong support of biblical standards for faith and practice; repentance for sins against God and fellow believers; and prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit in all the discussions and decisions relating to this critical issue	
141st (2015)	34	Montreal		Prepare a statement re end of life issues		Special Committee re End of Life Issues, in consultation with Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice Ministries),	to prepare, through the Committee on Church Doctrine, a concise statement and explanation of the church's teaching on palliative care, euthanasia and physician assisted death, and that this be circulated (with a covering letter from the Moderator) to each session and congregation of the denomination, via its presbyteries	
141st (2015)	35	Waterloo-Wellington	Duffs, Puslinch	Full inclusion for LGBT Persons	Inclusion		to affirm that The Presbyterian Church in Canada is fully inclusive of every person regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity in all aspects of church life, calling and relationship as a matter of justice and hospitality;	
141st (2015)	36	Western Han-Ca		Establishing a Native Ministries Endowment Fund		Church Doctrine and LMA	to: 1. establish a Native Ministry Endowment Fund to be invested with the Consolidated Fund of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 2. delegate the administration of the income realized from that fund annually to the National Native Ministry Council of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for support of its ministries in healing and reconciliation, 3. direct that a tithe (10%) of all undesignated bequests to The Presbyterian Church in Canada be deposited into the Native Ministry Endowment Fund, 4. direct that a tithe (10%) of the money realized by the national church from the disposal of property within The Presbyterian Church in Canada be deposited into the Native Ministry Endowment Fund, 5. direct the Provisionaries (Planned Giving) office of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to assist the National Native	

							Ministry in preparing materials and promoting the Native Ministry Endowment Fund as a good place to leave a legacy;	
141st (2015)	37	Ottawa	Grace Orleans, Ottawa	Process for a congregation leaving the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly, in consultation with Trustee Board, Assembly Council and Pension and Benefits Board	to consider establishing a means for “gracious dismissal” of congregations which might in good conscience be unable to accept changes in doctrine or discipline which depart from the historic confessional standards of the church,	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
142nd (2016)	1	Paris		Revising appointment protocols for associate secretaries		Assembly Council	to instruct the appropriate agency to revise hiring protocols for the Life and Mission Agency so that the appointment of associate secretaries are confirmed by the General Assembly	no revision made
142nd (2016)	2	Winnipeg		Timeline regarding overtures relating to human sexuality		Assembly Council in consultation with Clerks of Assembly	to provide the church with a clear timeline so Canadian Presbyterians can know when decisions will be made,	p. 230; 2016 A&P: ...It will be for the 2016 General Assembly to decide what to do with reports it receives. It is within the power of the Assembly to not receive a report, to receive a report and adopt all or some of its recommendations, to send portions of a report to the church for study and report to give additional time, and to remit items of doctrine or church law to the Barrier Act. Each option presents a different timeline.
142nd (2016)	3	Winnipeg		Barrier Act and an individual’s dissent		Clerks of Assembly	to change the approval procedure for remits under the Barrier Act so that those individuals who dissent from approving a remit are not counted as being in favour when a determination is made of “an actual majority”	
142nd (2016)	4	New Brunswick	St. Andrew’s Church, Moncton	A policy for a congregation leaving the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly, in consultation with Trustee Board, Assembly Council and Pension and Benefits Board	to establish a policy of gracious dismissal from The Presbyterian Church in Canada of dissenting churches from the majority decision, as those congregations in integrity may be unable to continue within The Presbyterian Church in Canada in good conscience, as a result of decisions made by General Assembly with respect to human sexuality; allowing congregations to leave the denomination without due encumbrances, with their buildings, endowments and assets intact,	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian

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142nd (2016)	5	New Brunswick	Bethel, Riverview	A policy for a congregation leaving the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly, in consultation with Trustee Board, Assembly Council and Pension and Benefits Board	to establish a policy of gracious dismissal from The Presbyterian Church in Canada of churches dissenting from this conversation; allowing congregations to leave the denomination without due encumbrances, with their buildings, endowments and assets intact,	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
142nd (2016)	6	Seaway-Glengarry		Revise SASH Policy when complainant is minister in a congregation		LMA (ministry and church vocations)	to revise the Policy of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for Dealing with Sexual Abuse and Sexual Harassment to reflect the above concerns	pp. 407-410, 2017 A&P. Policy was revised and adopted.
142nd (2016)	7	Paris		Policy for a congregation wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly, in consultation with Trustee Board, Assembly Council and Pension and Benefits Board	to consider establishing a means for “gracious dismissal” of congregations which might in good conscience either be unable to continue wholeheartedly within the Presbyterian Church in Canada unless significant changes as advocated by some overtures (e.g. Overture Nos. 5, and 23, 2015 are made, or be unable to accept the changes in doctrine or discipline as advocated by these same overtures,	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
142nd (2016)	8	Paris		Standing Committees Secretaries		Assembly Council	to request the Assembly Council through its advisory function on good governance to strongly encourage and advocate that, with the exception of the Assembly Council, each of our national committees name one of its non-staff members to fulfill the duties of committee secretary,	p. 231 A&P 2016: status quo, with committees reminded they can appoint a secretary from among the committee members, rather than having Wynford Dr. staff serve as secty.
142nd (2016)	9	Winnipeg		Utilize and develop resources re “passive energy”		Assembly Council & LMA (Justice Ministries)	to: 1. develop and implement an action plan to make 50 Wynford Drive a passive energy building, 2. enter into conversation with the three theological colleges so they would become passive energy spaces; and to instruct the Life and Mission Agency (Justice Ministries) to: 1. develop a resource to assist congregations in taking steps towards making their buildings energy passive, such a resource to include examples of	Answered in report from LMA (Justice Ministries) pp. 382-386 2017 A&P

							<p>what actual congregations have done to reduce energy use,</p> <p>2. explore the viability of clergy serving multi-point charges using electric cars, such an exploration to include cost analysis and discussion of the availability of charging stations,</p> <p>3. explore the costs involved with congregations that possess strategically located parking lots building charging stations;</p>	
142nd (2016)	10	Westminster	Coquitlam	Declaring overtures re same sex marriage out of order			to rule any consideration of overtures relating to approval of the celebration of marriage of same-sex couples to be out of order,	not granted
142nd (2016)	11	Calgary-MacLeod	Valleyview	Develop a Reformed confessional hermeneutic		Church Doctrine	to consider pausing the current discussion and study on human sexuality and orientation, and deferring any recommendations stemming from this issue, in order to focus on the development and adoption of an explicitly Reformed confessional hermeneutic,	
142nd (2016)	12	Barrie	St. Andrew's, Parry Sound	Policy for a congregation wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly	to consider establishing a means for "gracious dismissal" of congregations which might in good conscience either be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada unless significant changes as advocated by some overtures (e.g. Overtures Nos. 4 and 23, 2015) are made, or be unable to accept the changes in doctrine or discipline as advocated by these overtures	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
142nd (2016)	13	Pickering	St. Paul's, Leaskdale	Request more time for human sexuality discussion		Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice)	to provide more time, even a comprehensive schedule such as adopted by the Anglican Church of Canada, to congregations, sessions and presbyteries for study, discussion and reflection on the matter of affirming same-sex marriage and the ordination of LGBT individuals to ministry of Word and sacrament	
142nd (2016)	14	Montreal		Indigenous spirituality and defer Native Ministries Endowment Fund	Indigenous Spirituality	not received	to: 1. refer to the Committee on Church Doctrine the matter of whether Christians can accept that Indigenous Spirituality is, in its own right, a valid form of worship equal to our own, and request that the committee produce two statements offering: a. a doctrinal statement outlining those areas in which appreciation of	not received

							<p>Indigenous Spirituality can be articulated from a Reformed perspective, and also the limits upon the ability of Christians to affirm Indigenous Wisdom teachings and ways which conflict with our theological affirmations,</p> <p>b. a statement defining the worship practices which Presbyterian members, and ruling and teaching elders may participate in or lead without syncretism, and which practices must be regarded as contrary to the teaching of Christian faith, and</p> <p>2. defer any decisions about the creation of an Endowment Fund for Native Ministries until after the Committee on Church Doctrine has reported back and these matters have been decided by the Assembly,</p>	
142nd (2016)	15	Montreal	Cote de Neiges	Extending time for human sexuality responses		Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice)	to provide an extended opportunity for responses to the documents on human sexuality, thereby allowing individuals and congregations a longer lead time to respond, and providing the Committee on Church Doctrine and Justice Ministries the additional time required to thoughtfully do the work entrusted to them on this pivotal issue,	
142nd (2016)	16	Montreal	Cote de Neiges	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination	Gracious Dismissal		to act quickly, even as the discussions are ongoing, to map out a process for the “gracious dismissal” of dissenting congregations	p. 283 A&P 2016. ...The Clerks of Assembly are disinclined to create a process for congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. To do so would require changes to our civil legislation both federal and provincial. The current provisions of the church for members and ministers to leave if they feel constrained by conscience to do so, is available, even with the consequence that church property remains with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
142nd (2016)	17	Grey-Bruce-Maitland		Develop a bereavement leave policy		LMA (Ministry & Church vocations)	to enact a bereavement leave policy	pp. 404-406, 2017 A&P - new policy proposed and adopted.
142nd (2016)	18	Edmonton-Lakehead	First Church, Edmonton	Research reasons for declining membership		LMA (Cdn Ministries in consultation with Assembly Council	to form a committee with broad representation from across the country, to investigate and research the reasons for declining membership, and as part of that investigation and research, communicate with congregations in the church, and to	Answered in report from LMA (Canadian Ministries) pp. 331-333, 2017 A&P.

							bring recommendations suggesting ways to reverse the declining membership trend to a succeeding General Assembly, and to bring an interim report to the next General Assembly;	
142nd (2016)	19	Westminster	Chinese, Vancouver	Congregational vote re sexual orientation and process for leaving the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly	WHEREAS, thirteen sessions and three presbyteries made overtures to the 2015 General Assembly affirming The Presbyterian Church in Canada's current stance regarding human sexuality, as compared to three sessions and three presbyteries desiring substantial change to the current stance; and.... THEREFORE to consider requiring every congregation to hold a congregational vote on the issue of same sex marriage or ordination, and establish a means of graciously dismissing (a process to equitably divide and/or share the denominational assets between the two resulting denominations) the resulting minority group to form a new denomination with, in such a way that neither side be disenfranchised, preserving mutual respect and good will,	Answered in report from Clerks, pp. 275-6 2017 A&P. Congregations' place is not to vote on the decisions of GA, but rather in study and consultations within the congregation. Re: gracious dismissal - the clerks stand by their 2016 decision that congregations are not permitted to leave the denomination with their assets.
142nd (2016)	20	Westminster	First Hungarian, Vancouver	Congregational vote re sexual orientation and process for leaving the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly	to consider requiring every congregation to hold a congregational vote on the issue of same sex marriage or ordination, and establish a means of graciously dismissing (a process to equitably divide and/or share the denominational assets between the two resulting denominations) the resulting minority group to form a new denomination with, in such a way that neither side be disenfranchised, preserving mutual respect and good will, or to do otherwise as the General Assembly,	Answered in report from Clerks, pp. 275-6 2017 A&P. Congregations' place is not to vote on the decisions of GA, but rather in study and consultations within the congregation. Re: gracious dismissal - the clerks stand by their 2016 decision that congregations are not permitted to leave the denomination with their assets.
142nd (2016)	21	Halifax & Lunenburg	St. Andrew's, Dartmouth, NS	Ministry and eldership of and performing marriage of those in same gender relationships	Inclusion	Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice)	to seek a means whereby presbyteries and sessions may be permitted to consider for certification for the ministry of Word and sacrament or the diaconate or for election as ruling elders persons who are in committed, faithful relationships with persons of the same gender and further to empower sessions to grant permission for the celebration of marriage of persons of the same gender who are under their pastoral care,	
142nd (2016)	22	Wat-Well	Westminster St. Paul's, Guelph	Native Spirituality & Syncretism	Indigenous Spirituality	Church Doctrine	1. refer to the Committee on Church Doctrine the matter of whether Christians can respect Indigenous Spirituality in such	

						<p>a way as to conclude that "in its own right" it is "a valid form of worship, [revelation of God and provision of a path of salvation] equal to [Christians'] own" for report to the 143rd General Assembly,</p> <p>2. request from this Committee a facilitated table group discussion to take place at the 143rd General Assembly on the content of its paper, with the record of this discussion feeding back to the Committee together with the usually requested feedback from congregations, sessions, presbyteries, synods and national agencies and committees, 3. request from the Committee on Church Doctrine, once it has completed this process, two statements (or a statement in two parts) upon which Assembly will vote: a. a doctrinal statement outlining those areas in which appreciation of Indigenous Spirituality can be articulated from the Christian point of view, and also the limits upon the ability of Christians to affirm Indigenous Wisdom teachings and ways which conflict with our theological affirmations. b. a statement defining the worship practices which Presbyterian members, and ruling and teaching elders may participate in or lead without syncretism, and which practices must be regarded as "strange fire." 4. provide for the communication of these statements to all congregational and non-congregational ministries and missions of the Presbyterian Church, and for the reflection of their permissions and limits in the Book of Forms. 5. defer any decision upon the creation of an Endowment Fund for Native Ministries until after these matters have been decided by the Assembly 6. communicate to those involved in Native Ministries that this period of reflection on what is and is not sustainable within Christian theological thinking and worship practice by no means detracts from the PCC's commitment to the Confession made in 1994, or its ongoing financial commitment to ministry with Aboriginal Peoples,</p>		
143rd (2017)	1	Kamloops		Clarifying vacation accumulation for clergy		Clerks of Assembly	to clarify the ambiguity in the call to a minister of Word and Sacraments, regarding the cumulative nature of	granted

143rd (2017)	2	Oak Ridges	Chapel Place, Markham	Policy for congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	holidays, to establish a policy of gracious dismissal from The Presbyterian Church in Canada of churches dissenting from this conversation; allowing congregations to leave the denomination peacefully and without due encumbrances,	p. 514 A&P 2017 - Committee on Church Doctrine proposes presenting substantive answers at the following General Assemblies: 2017 – Biblical Rationale; Repentance 2018 – Unity and Diversity of Church; Relationship of Church and State 2019 – Ordination; Discipline; Pastoral Care 2020 – Gender Identity
143rd (2017)	3	Synod of Manitoba & NW ON		Formula for synod directors and officers insurance		Assembly Council	to change the present formula used for calculating the premiums charged to synods for directors and officers insurance, and to begin using a formula based per capita on membership or on dollar base or on some combination of these	p. 220, A&P 2017: That the present formula used for calculating the premiums charged to synods and presbyteries for directors and officers insurance be changed from a flat rate to a shared portion based on the number of congregations in the presbytery and synod with a \$400 minimum premium starting from 2018.
143rd (2017)	4	Montreal		Provision for “equalizing ministers at presbytery		Clerks of Assembly	to propose an equalizing mechanism so that ministers are not continually voting in the minority in their own presbytery	(p. 279 A&P, 2017) That the above report re equalizing ministers be sent to sessions, presbyteries and synods for study and report back to the Clerks of Assembly by January 31, 2018. pp. 258-8, 2018 A&P recommendation led to remit being sent down.
143rd (2017)	5	East Toronto		Revise Book of Forms section 176.1 re institutional chaplains		Clerks of Assembly	to revise section 176.1 of the Book of Forms to allow ordained ministers serving as institutional chaplains to be treated in the same way as all other ordained ministers who serve in agencies not directly responsible to The Presbyterian Church in Canada,	granted (p. 280, A&P 2017)
143rd (2017)	6	Paris	Innerkip	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Church Doctrine in consultation with LMA (Justice)	to (a) commission a study to draw from ecclesiastical and civil history and law both Canadian and otherwise insights which would aid in enabling the church, should present differences prove irreconcilable, to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, ensuring that the larger part of resources of time, talent, and treasure would be devoted to enabling all professing believers to further Overtures (cont’d) – 2017 Page 585 the fulfillment of the great commission, rather than expended and squandered on attempting to reconcile sharply divergent	

							understandings of scriptural authority and interpretation pertaining to issues of human sexuality which bear on practices affecting marriage and ministry; and (b) call for the drafting of such legislation ecclesiastical and civil as may be required to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become sadly necessary	
143rd (2017)	7	Montreal	Arabic	To table amendments on same sex marriage for ten years	Postpone sexuality discussion	Church Doctrine in consultation with LMA (Justice)	to table the proposed amendments for a period of ten years in order to maintain the unity and continuity of The Presbyterian Church in Canada	p. 540 A&P 2017 - request denied; sense is that there is a broad desire to have such conversations.
143rd (2017)	8	Winnipeg		Housing allowance benefit for non-ordained church workers		Assembly Council in consultation with LMA - (Cdn and Ministry & church vocations), Financial Services	to find an equitable solution to this unequal treatment and that Canadian Ministries be instructed when providing grants to congregations and missions served by non-ordained persons functioning in “traditionally” ministerial roles to apply the equitable pattern arrived at, and that the Assembly ask those charged with solving this problem to make this a priority given this unequal treatment has very real consequences in the lives of servants of the church,	pp. 215-216, 2019 A&P;
143rd (2017)	9	East Toronto	Glenview, Toronto	Review length of term service for elders		Clerks of Assembly	to review and consider either a Declaratory Act or a revision of section 108 of the Book of Forms, to allow sessions, with the approval of congregations and the knowledge of Presbyteries, to set terms of service for elders of less than six, but not less than three years,	p. 281, S&P 2017: Clerks of Assembly be permitted to survey sessions on the subject of term service for elders. pp. 260-262, 2019 A&P: Book of Forms section 108-108.3 amended and sent down under Barrier Act.
143rd (2017)	10	Kingston	St. Andrew's, Trenton	Reviewing response re: congregation wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to ask the Clerks of Assembly to broaden the scope of their initial response to the above overtures and offer possibilities for establishing a means for “gracious dismissal” of congregations which might, in good conscience, be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	11	Hamilton	Cheyne Church, Stoney Creek	Legislation re: congregations	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in	to: 1. commission a study to draw from ecclesiastical and civil history and law	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows.

				wishing to leave the denomination		consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	both Canadian and otherwise insights which would aid in enabling the church, should present differences prove irreconcilable, to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, ensuring that the larger part of resources of time, talent, and treasure would be devoted to enabling all professing believers to further the fulfillment of the great commission, rather than expended and squandered on attempting to reconcile sharply divergent understandings of scriptural authority and interpretation pertaining to issues of human sexuality which bear on practices affecting marriage and ministry; and 2. call for the drafting of such legislation ecclesiastical and civil as may be required to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become sadly necessary;	That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	12	Westminster	Coquitlam	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to (a) commission a study to draw from ecclesiastical and civil history and law both Canadian and otherwise insights which would aid in enabling the church, should present differences prove irreconcilable, to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, ensuring that the larger part of resources of time, talent, and treasure would be devoted to enabling all professing believers to further the fulfillment of the great commission, rather than expended and squandered on attempting to reconcile sharply divergent understandings of scriptural authority and interpretation pertaining to issues of human sexuality which bear on practices affecting marriage and ministry; and (b) call for the drafting of such legislation ecclesiastical and civil as may be required to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become sadly necessary,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	13	New Brunswick		Summer student stipend and accommodation		Clerks of Assembly; Assembly Council	to consider an appropriate stipend and housing increase to summer student appointments,	p. 214 2018 A&P - That the stipend for students on summer appointment meet or exceed the minimum wage requirements for the province in which the appointment takes place; housing costs may be shared with the student, at a rate not to exceed \$100 per week, plus travel, as applicable.
143rd (2017)	14	New Brunswick	Bethel, Riverview	Means for dismissing	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in	to broaden the scope of their initial response to the above overtures and offer	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows.

				congregation from the denomination		consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	possibilities for establishing a means for “gracious dismissal” of congregations which might in good conscience either be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada unless significant changes as advocated by some overtures (e.g. Overtures Nos. 5 and 23, 2015) are made or be unable to accept the changes in doctrine or discipline as advocated by these same overtures,	That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	15	New Brunswick	St. Andrew’s Church, Moncton	Policy for congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to consider again the call of the church for a policy on gracious dismissal for those dissenting congregations from the majority decision, whatever it may be, who find themselves unable to continue with integrity to be a part of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, allowing such congregations to leave the denomination without undue encumbrances, with their buildings, endowments and assets intact,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	16	Winnipeg	Westwood	Circulating Clerk’s responses re: building ownership Circulating response to Overture No. 37, 2015 and Nos. 4, 5 and 7, 2016	Ownership of church buildings	Clerks of Assembly	to send the Clerks’ response re Overture No. 37, 2015 (et al) along with the text of the Principal Clerk’s speech to the 2016 General Assembly (quoted above) to all synods, presbyteries and sessions for comment,	pp. 254-5, 2018 A&P. “The response (A&P 2016, p. 281–83, 23) has already been circulated to all session and presbyteries along with the 2016 referrals after that General Assembly and remains available at presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2016/2016referrals . Sending the document again does not, therefore, seem necessary.”
143rd (2017)	17	Grey-Bruce-Maitland		Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to: 1. commission a study drawing from church and civil history, and law both Canadian and otherwise, insights which would aid in enabling the church to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, should present differences prove irreconcilable. This would aid in ensuring that the larger part of congregational resources would be devoted to further the fulfillment of the great commission, and 2. call for the drafting of church legislation and civil legislation, as may be required, to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp.

							regrettably necessary,	39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	18	Calgary-MacLeod	Valleyview	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to (a) commission a study to draw from ecclesiastical and civil history and law both Canadian and otherwise insights which would aid in enabling the church, should present differences prove irreconcilable, to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, ensuring that the larger part of resources of time, talent, and treasure would be devoted to enabling all professing believers to further the fulfillment of the great commission, rather than expended and squandered on attempting to reconcile sharply divergent understandings of scriptural authority and interpretation pertaining to issues of human sexuality which bear on practices affecting marriage and ministry; and (b) call for the drafting of such legislation ecclesiastical and civil as may be required to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become sadly necessary;	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	19	London	Elmwood, London	Full inclusion regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity	Inclusion	Church Doctrine and LMA (Justice)	to affirm that The Presbyterian Church in Canada is fully inclusive of every person regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity in all aspects of church life including calling, designation, ordination, and marriage equality as a matter of justice and hospitality,	
143rd (2017)	20	Algoma-North Bay		Broader response re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to ask the Clerks of Assembly to broaden the scope of their initial response to the above overtures and explore possibilities for establishing a means for “gracious dismissal” of congregations which might in good conscience be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	21	Grey-Bruce-Maitland	Knox, Walkertown	Adherents voting in election of elders		Clerks of Assembly	requesting a change in the Book of Forms to allow adherents to vote in all elder elections,	p. 255, 2018 A&P; prayer of overture not granted.
143rd (2017)	22	Halifax & Lunenburg	St. James, Truro	Process for congregations considering	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation	to direct the Clerks of Assembly to find a means for “gracious dismissal” for congregations who might in good	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the

				leaving the denomination		with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	conscience be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada either because significant changes as advocated by some overtures (e.g. Overture No. 5, 2015 and No. 23, 2015) have not been made or because they have been made	Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	23	Grey-Bruce-Maitland	Geneva, Chesley	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to: 1. commission a study drawing insights from church and civil history and law both Canadian and otherwise, which would aid in enabling the church to part company in a gracious and charitable manner should present differences prove irreconcilable; this would aid in ensuring that the larger part of congregational resources would be devoted to further the fulfillment of the great commission; and 2. call for the drafting of church legislation and civil legislation, as may be required, to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become regrettably necessary;	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	24	Grey-Bruce-Maitland	St. Andrew's, Chatsworth	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to make provision for 'gracious dismissal' of any congregation which finds itself, in good and prayerful conscience, to be unable to follow newly developed policies of inclusion, or, which finds itself, in good and prayerful conscience, to be no longer able to follow certain long held doctrinal positions of the church,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	25	Grey-Bruce-Maitland	St. Andrew's, Southampton	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension &	to act quickly, even as the discussions are ongoing, to map out a process for the "gracious dismissal" of dissenting congregations	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a

						Benefits, Trustee Board		future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	26	Oak Ridges	Keswick	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	to direct the Clerks of Assembly to find a means for “gracious dismissal” for congregations who might in good conscience be unable to continue wholeheartedly within The Presbyterian Church in Canada either because significant changes as advocated by some overtures (Overture No. 5, 2015 and No. 23, 2015) have not been made or because they have been made,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	27	Oak Ridges	Chinese, Markham	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	and the Committee on History, to design a process, based on insights from our history and confessions, enabling congregations who find they cannot serve Christ effectively under the burden of whatever decisions the General Assembly may make in this matter to have a way to seek an alternate denominational affiliation which will more effectively enable their mission work, ensuring this process will leave the larger part of congregational resources available to further the fulfillment of the great commission, and, should the consultation process find changes to church or civil legislation are required, direct the Clerks of Assembly to draft such legislation to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become regrettably necessary;	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	28	Wat-Well	Kortright, Guelph,	Legislation re: congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee	to commission a study of the law and of ecclesiastical and civil history to help the church, should present differences prove insurmountable, to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, ensuring that our resources of time, talent, and treasure continue to be devoted to our pursuit of the church’s mission, rather than expended in an attempt to accommodate irreconcilable understandings of scriptural authority and interpretation pertaining to	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition

						Board	issues of human sexuality which bear on practices affecting marriage and ministry; and, second, to call for the drafting of such legislation, ecclesiastical and civil, as may be required to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become sadly necessary;	Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	29	Brampton	Mississauga, Chinese	Process for congregations considering leaving the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board	1. to requiring every congregation to hold a congregational vote on the issue of same sex marriage or ordination, 2. to establish a means of graciously dismissing (a process to equitably divide and/or share the denominational assets between the two resulting denominations) the resulting minority group to form a new denomination, 3. with, in such a way that neither side be disenfranchised, preserving mutual respect and good will,	p. 14, 2017 A&P: Recommendation No. 1 , as amended, was adopted as follows. That a special committee be named by the Moderator to review Overture Nos. 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20 and 22 through 29, 2017 inclusive, with a view to identifying and summarizing common concerns and suggesting a comprehensive approach for further study, and report to a future sederunt of this Assembly, no later than Tuesday evening; and that Petition Nos. 1, 2 and 3, 2017, also be referred initially to this committee for review. See report of this Special Committee on pp. 39-42 of 2017 A&P
143rd (2017)	30	West Toronto	Humber Heights	Preamble to ordination and induction of ruling elders		Church Doctrine in consultation with LMA (Cdn Ministries)	to re-write the current preamble before the questions to be put to elders before ordination or admission in plain English, using current and accessible language and while maintaining the theological integrity of the document,	ppp. 28-33 , 2020 Interim Report. Recommendations anticipated at 2021 GA. See Church Doctrine 2021 report.
143rd (2017)	31	Ottawa		Right to dissent when absent from a court		Clerks of Assembly	to amend the Book of Forms to clearly enshrine the right to dissent from actions taken in one's absence when absent on official appointment of the court or when one has expressed regrets, and to clarify the meaning and implication of registering regrets for those expressing them and for the court to which they are expressed, or to submit the question to the presbyteries for further consideration,	pp. 256-8, 2018 A&P; recommendation that Book of Forms section 8.1 be amended, was defeated.
144th (2018)	1	Kamloops		General Assembly Arrangements		Assembly Council & GAO	ask the Assembly Council and the office of the General Assembly to take these concerns into consideration when planning future General Assemblies and consider: a) allowing the clerks to relieve one another for one break each during every sederunt, b) allowing the moderator to be relieved by the former moderator for one break during every sederunt, c) allowing commissioners more time for rest during Assembly and d) investigate the possibility of hosting General Assembly in a hotel where sleeping accommodation,	pp. 216-17, 2018 A&P - creation of GA Design Team

							meals and the meeting hall can all be in one location	
144th (2018)	2	Winnipeg		Resources to assist in responding to opioids crisis		LMA (Justice Ministries)	to provide congregations with a resource or resources that will assist them in addressing the pastoral, theological, community support and social policy aspects of the crisis to congregations and individuals so they can respond with compassion and insight to this crisis;	pp. 351-60, 2018 A&P- adopted many recommendations
144th (2018)	3	Winnipeg		Dialogue with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan on the rights of Indigenous people		International Affairs in consultation with Clerks of Assembly & LMA (Justice)	to instruct various committees and agencies within the church to enter into a dialogue with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People; the dialogue to cover among other things: 1. how the two churches are seeking to live into the declaration, 2. reflecting together on how the governments of these two countries are living into the declaration, 3. ascertaining from the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan what help, if any, might be provided by The Presbyterian Church in Canada towards supporting the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and the Government of Taiwan in living into the United Nations declaration; especially exploring whether Taiwan's non-status in the United Nations is having a detrimental effect on the recognition of Indigenous rights,	pp. 294-5, 2018 A&P - international Affairs responded
144th (2018)	4	London	Elmwood Ave. Church	Ruling elders and police checks		LMA -	to amend article 3.10 of the Leading with Care Policy to make it clear that once an initial police records check is completed and filed by a ruling elder, the completion and filing of a declaration of status every 5 years is sufficient to extend the validity of the police records check for that ruling elder, and that the list of triggering events requiring the obtaining of a new police records check be explicitly and exclusively applied to clergy,	
144th (2018)	5	Edmonton-Lakehead		Freedom of conscience and action re matters concerning human sexuality	Inclusion	Church Doctrine & LMA - p. 249, 455, 23, referred to Special Committee of	to acknowledge: 1. that the two documents, "The Historic Argument Concerning Human Sexuality" and "What the Bible teaches on Covenant Monogamous Same-Sex Relationships", represent the range of understanding within The Presbyterian Church in Canada	pp. 249,455, referred to Special Committee of Former Moderators.

						Former Moderators (p. 26)	<p>on human sexuality;</p> <p>2. to not pick one document or theological position over the other as the true and only understanding of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, but to live in tension and in diversity for the sake of unity in the church;</p> <p>3. to work towards some kind of freedom of conscience and action for ruling elders, teaching elders, congregations and presbyteries to opt in or opt out of the solemnization of same-sex marriages; and the ordination of people in same-sex relationships;</p>	
144th (2018)	6	Winnipeg		Adopting protocol of 2014 re Forced Labour Convention 1930	Slavery	LMA (Justice Ministries)	<p>to: 1. request the Moderator of the General Assembly to write to the Government of Canada urging the government to adopt P029 – Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 before the end of 2018, 2. urge all Presbyterians in Canada, including commissioners to the General Assembly, to write to their members of Parliament asking the Parliament of Canada to adopt P029 – Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930, and 3. request that Justice Ministries, Life and Mission Agency, produce material to assist Presbyterians in doing the above,</p>	pp. 368-69, 2018 A&P - recommendation from Justice Ministries
144th (2018)	7	Brandon		Vacant congregations' contributions to the pension plan		Pension & Benefits Board	to return to the policy that congregations which have been vacant for a period of time, and are not likely to be in a position to sustain a minister, not be required to make payments to the pension plan,	pp. 439-40, 2018 A&P
144th (2018)	8	New Brunswick	St. Andrew's Church, Moncton	Recreational use of marijuana		Church Doctrine	to prepare a short statement expressing the church's opposition to the recreational use of marijuana as harmful to individuals, society and inappropriate for Christians particularly regardless of its legalization, together with the affirmation of the medical use of marijuana for certain medical treatments, and to do so by referring this overture to the Committee on Church Doctrine that it might prepare such a statement in time for the 144th General Assembly and to prepare a study guide relating to the issues involved in the recreational use of marijuana and its legalization, which would then be presented to the 145th General Assembly for consideration	pp. 249, 2018 A&P - interim response. Longer response expected later. p. 28 of 2020 Interim report, recommendations expected at 2021 GA.

144th (2018)	9	Niagara	St. Giles, St. Catharines,	Granting vote for young adult representatives		Assembly Council in consultation with Clerks of Assembly	to amend the standing orders so as to give the young adult representatives at each and every General Assembly a full vote	p. 216-217, 2019 A&P; more time to respond in 2020.
144th (2018)	10	Synod of Manitoba & Northwestern ON		Funding for the Native Ministries Fund		Assembly Council in consultation with LMA (Justice & Canadian Ministries), p. 231, 15)	to remove the cap from the fund, and make clear that in perpetuity 10% of the assets of dissolved congregations be placed in the Native Ministries Fund (with a review to consider increasing the percentage every 10 years),	answered on p. 217-218, 2019 A&P;
144th (2018)	11	Calgary-MacLeod		Support for Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action 57		LMA (Justice Ministries)	to write the federal, provincial and territorial governments and the Canadian Federation of Municipalities to voice our support for the implementation to Call to Action 57, to ask for an explanation of the process developed or to be developed by the Government, how and whether the Canadian Federation of Municipalities will be working with municipalities, and to encourage sessions, congregations and individuals to write to their municipally elected officials (mayor, councillor) to ask how they are helping to educate all public servants to fulfill Call to Action 57,	p. 278-279 2019 A&P; prayer of overture granted.
144th (2018)	12	Calgary-MacLeod	Valleyview	“Where from Here”, a suggested Option D	Theological separation	Assembly Council in consultation with Church Doctrine and LMA p. 231, 15; referred to Special Committee of Former Moderators, p. 26)	to strike a special committee consisting of one member, each, from the Clerks of Assembly, Assembly Council, Committee on Church Doctrine, Committee on History, the Pension and Benefits Board, and the Trustee Board (i.e. the same bodies to whom the overtures and petitions concerning gracious dismissal have been referred), and eight members-at-large representing those who favour a subdenominations model as a way forward for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in order to give this model its best representation with concrete detail of how such an arrangement might look, and present this to the 145th General Assembly as an “Option D”;	Pathway C among the options presented by Committee of Former Moderators; not selected by 2019 GA who favoured an alternate motion leading to remits B&C, 2019
144th (2018)	13	Newfoundland		“Where from Here”, a suggested Option D	Theological separation	Assembly Council in consultation with Church Doctrine and LMA p. 231, 15; referred	to strike a special committee consisting of one member, each, from the Clerks of Assembly, Assembly Council, Committee on Church Doctrine, Committee on History, the Pension and Benefits Board, and the Trustee Board (i.e. the same bodies to whom the overtures and	Pathway C among the options presented by Committee of Former Moderators; not selected by 2019 GA who favoured an alternate motion leading to remits B&C, 2019

						to Special Committee of Former Moderators, p. 26)	petitions concerning gracious dismissal have been referred), and eight members-at-large representing those who favour a sub-denominations model as a way forward for The Presbyterian Church in Canada, in order to give this model its best representation with concrete detail of how such an arrangement might look, and present this to the 145th General Assembly as an “Option D”;	
144th (2018)	14	Hamilton	St. Paul's, Hamilton	Relocating the national office within the Presbytery of Hamilton		Assembly Council	to appoint a committee, in consultation with the Presbytery of Hamilton, to consider the relocation of church offices to one of the many sites, or existing premises, within the bounds of said presbytery,	p. 218-219, 2019 A&P; interesting idea, but premature.
144th (2018)	15	Brampton		Workplace harassment		LMA	to engage congregations, sessions, presbyteries and other ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in a conversation about workplace harassment within the church for the purpose of creating awareness and developing best practices for preventing and responding to such incidents,	
144th (2018)	16	Hamilton	Brant Hills, Burlington	Congregational dollar base calculation		Assembly Council in consultation with LMA (Stewardship and Planned Giving	to return to a dollar base calculation that includes all congregational mission activity,	answered on p. 219, 2019 A&P
144th (2018)	17	Montreal		Ministry and mental health		LMA - (Ministry and Church Vocations),	to initiate a deeper study and reflection about mental health disorders and ministry within The Presbyterian Church in Canada in order to produce: 1. a clear position statement, 2. guidelines for presbyteries, clerks, congregations, interim moderators and indeed all those involved in the transition process when references are given and sought for ministers and staff who are affected by mental health disorders, and 3. guidelines for those affected by mental health disorders who are beginning the early candidacy process and recommendations for those who accompany and advise them,	
144th (2018)	18	Kamloops		Mandatory interim ministry during vacancy		NOT RECEIVED	to investigate the possibilities of implementing a mandatory appointment of a qualified transitional minister as part of the search process for vacant	not received

144th (2018)	19	Wat-Well		Statistical report re “missionary and benevolent purposes”		Assembly Council in consultation with LMA (Stewardship and Planned Giving),	congregations seeking a new minister, to affirm the historic and long standing practice of relevant and life giving mission in the local context provided by congregations of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, recognizing such local “Missionary and Benevolent Purposes” as eligible for consideration as a deduction on line 26b of the statistical report as has been the practice, affirm that local congregations and presbyteries are as capable of performing mission as is the national church, and consider having this matter determined by a commissioner’s special committee to consult with the Life and Mission Agency and Committee on Church Doctrine members,	answered on p. 219, 2019 A&P
144th (2018)	20	Ottawa	St. David and St. Martin	Endorsing the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth		LMA	to endorse the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth (2004, Coalition of the Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Child Welfare League of Canada, Family Service Canada, Canadian Child Care Federation, Canadian Institute of Child Health, Canadian Public Health Association and the Canadian Association for Young Children),	
145th (2019)	1	Montreal	-	Legal advice re religious freedom and marriage	New legal opinion on implications of remits	LMA Committee	1. seek a new legal opinion from a Canadian law firm with significant expertise in the area of Charter jurisprudence and religious freedom questions, concerning the religious freedom protections that may or may not be afforded to those who hold to a traditional view of marriage in a prospective context in which The Presbyterian Church in Canada permits a diversity of views and actions in relation to the definition of marriage and in which the definition of marriage may no longer be said to constitute a shared and core feature of the denomination’s religious identity and convictions and 2. refrain from recommending the adoption of any form of “tolerated divergence” (under the Barrier Act) prior to its achievement of clarity on the legal questions defined above,	pp 320-1, 2019 A&P; LMA to respond at 2020 GA. Request denied.
145th (2019)	2	Kamloops	-	Mandatory interim ministry during vacancy		LMA (Ministry & Church vocations)	to investigate the possibilities of implementing a mandatory appointment of a qualified transitional minister as part of the search process for vacant	pp. 397-8, 2019 A&P; LMA recommended the request be denied. Recommendation withdrawn.

145th (2019)	3	Vancouver Island	-	Consider First Nations ministries as a form of church extension		Assembly Council in consultation with LMA - Cdn and Justice ministries	congregations seeking a new minister; to consider First Nations ministries and First Nations congregational development as a form of church extension	p. 220, 2019 A&P; granted.
145th (2019)	4	Algoma-North Bay	-	Retiring of elders with infirmities		Clerks of Assembly	to give permission to sessions to pastorally transfer an infirmed elder to retired status without the elders' express consent in such a way as to honour and celebrate the lifetime of commitment and service as well as permitting the session to proceed to elect a replacement elder, notice of the above action to be given to the presbytery;	p. 262 A&P 2019; prayer not granted
145th (2019)	5	Algoma-North Bay	-	Committee to Nominate terms of reference		Assembly Council	to return to the previous process of yearly stand-alone Committees to Nominate;	p. 220 2019 A&P; Referred to A.C. Exec. - response expected at 2020 GA
145th (2019)	6	Winnipeg	-	Authorizing Trustee Board to hold and dispose of surplus congregational property		Assembly Council and Trustee Board	to give the responsibility of holding and disposing of land and buildings on that land after congregations have no use for the land to the Trustee Board or find other ways that congregations can be freed from maintaining buildings which are no longer useful for ministry, thereby allowing the continuing congregations to free themselves from buildings which are harming their pursuit of faithful ministry;	p. 220-221, 2019 A&P; granted by encouraging the Commission on Assets of Dissolved and Amalgamated Congregations, on a case by case basis, to facilitate holding and disposing of property for any congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Canada at its request and with the approval of the congregation and its presbytery.
145th (2019)	7	Oak Ridges	-	Requirements for ordination to chaplaincy		LMA (ministry and church vocations	to reconsider the means by which candidates are called and ordained to chaplaincy positions by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, with specific reference to the Book of Forms sections 176.1 and 176.17	p. 398-400, 2019 A&P; Recommendation withdrawn which would not grant the prayer, per se. Raises question of revising the entire set of regulations governing presbytery membership.
145th (2019)	8	Ottawa		Right to dissent		Clerks of Assembly	to review and rectify inconsistencies in the law of the church as touching upon dissent resulting from the action of the 2017 General Assembly in removing section 12.1 from the Book of Forms without recourse to the presbyteries under the Barrier Act and the actions of the 2018 General Assembly in adopting Recommendation No. 6 of the report of the Clerks of Assembly prior to its defeating Recommendation No. 5 of the same report; and to take such steps, with the consent of the presbyteries if deemed necessary, to reaffirm the right of a presbyter to record dissent from an action taken by any court of which the presbyter	

							is a member under any of the following circumstances: (a) the presbyter has participated in the vote and is dissatisfied with the result; (b) the presbyter has been absent with leave of the court and is dissatisfied with an action taken while so absent; or (c) the presbyter has been absent having expressed prior regrets and is dissatisfied with an action taken while so absent;	
145th (2019)	9	Niagara		Ordination to and funding for non-traditional ministries		LMA in consultation with Church Doctrine	to explore an alternative path to ordination as well as addressing how financial compensation for non-traditional ministries in our rapidly changing world might be explored	p. 34, Church Doctrine 2020 Interim Report. Study of question is ongoing.
145th (2019)	10	East Toronto	Calvin, Toronto	Network of student charges and/or placement		LMA to consult with theological colleges	to request that the church's theological colleges and the Life and Mission Agency work together to amend their curriculums and programs to include, administer and promote the creation of a network of voluntary student charges or placements, with an emphasis on congregations that do not currently have Reformed and trained leadership, for which students will be remunerated and/or receive credits or tuition relief for their services	
145th (2019)	11	East Toronto	-	Preamble to ordination and induction of ministers		Church Doctrine in consultation with LMA	to re-write the edict and current preamble to be read before the ordination and induction of ministers of Word and Sacraments, using non-exclusive, current and accessible language while maintaining the theological integrity and dignity of the text	ppp. 28-33 , 2020 Interim Report. Recommendations anticipated at 2021 GA - See Church Doctrine 2021 report.
145th (2019)	12	Barrie	Elmvale	Calculating dollar base re mission activities			to return to the historical dollar base calculation that includes all congregational mission activity as mission	p. 240, 2019 A&P; answered by Assembly's decision regarding Overture Nos. 16 and 19, 2018,
145th (2019)	13	Temiskaming	-	Ministers of other denominations in ecumenical shared ministries on the constituent roll		Clerks of Assembly in consultation with LMA	to allow ministers serving ecumenical shared ministry congregations to serve on the active roll of presbytery for the term of their service to the congregation	
145th (2019)	14	Temiskaming	-	Pension contribution from ecumenical shared ministry congregations		Pension & Benefits Board in consultation with LMA	to only require ecumenical shared ministry congregations to make pension and benefit contributions to the denomination of their currently serving minister	
145th (2019)	15	Temiskaming	-	Review Committee on Education and Reception guidelines		LMA	to instruct the Committee on Education and Reception in conjunction with Ministry and Church Vocations to review and update the requirements for entry to The Presbyterian Church in Canada to	

							reflect current needs and realities	
146th (2020)	1	Kamloops	-	Statement of faith from nominees for Moderator of General Assembly		Clerks of Assembly	to direct the General Assembly Office to request of all future nominees for the position of Moderator of upcoming General Assemblies to include in submitted biographical material, a brief statement of their faith, as it relates the ecumenical creeds and confessions of the Reformation, as well as our subordinate standards	
146th (2020)	2	Kamloops	-	Policies and guidelines of worship at General Assembly		Assembly Council	to direct the General Assembly Design Team to develop policies and guidelines to ensure that worship and preaching at future General Assemblies glorify God in word, song, sermon and prayer	
146th (2020)	3	Kamloops	-	Affirming the seriousness and sanctity of ordination vows		Church Doctrine	to direct the Committee on Church Doctrine to clarify and reaffirm the seriousness and sanctity of the affirmations candidates make at ordination and induction services when they accept the preamble and subordinate standards of The Presbyterian Church in Canada	
146th (2020)	4	Algoma-North Bay	-	Information on legal implications of Remits B and C, 2019	New legal opinion on implications of remits	Assembly Council	to clear the path to a transparent decision on Remits B and C by making everyone aware of the pertinent information on legal opinions based on the full wording and facts understand by the legal decisions offered and by the wording of the remits, so that the 2020 General Assembly may be fully competent and confident in its legal understanding before the vote is taken at the 2020 General Assembly	
146th (2020)	5	Ottawa	St. Andrew's, Ottawa	Investments in Indigenous enterprises		LMA in consultation with Trustee Board	to direct the Trustee Board of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to assess potential investments in Indigenous enterprises and funds that will be profitable for the church and beneficial to Indigenous peoples and communities, with the goal of investing approximately five percent of the assets in the Consolidated Fund in the Indigenous economy, and report annually to the General Assembly on its progress towards this goal;	
146th (2020)	6	PEI	St. James, Charlottetown,	Liturgies for same-sex marriage and blessing of civil marriages	Inclusion	LMA	to task the Life and Mission Agency with provisionally preparing for use within The Presbyterian Church in Canada, liturgies for the solemnization of same-sex marriages and for the blessing of previously conducted civil same-sex weddings	
146th	7	Huron- Perth	-	Ordination		LMA	1. clarify the terms of ordination with	

(2020)				guidelines for part time and tent making ministries			respect to percentage of ministry and required remuneration, and 2. establish guidelines for ordination which will clearly state the status of ordination to creative ‘tent making’ ministries,	
146th (2020)	8	Huron- Perth	-	develop an environmental theological program		Presbyterian College, Knox College, St. Andrew’s Hall	to direct the colleges of the church to develop within three years a program of environmental theology. Our vision of such a program is three-fold; 1. to address the environmental crisis from an exegetical perspective in a manner similar to historically reputable theological movements such as liberation theology; 2. to promote and encourage pro-active stewardship of creation and the environment based on a firm and extensive theological foundation and; 3. to provide the theological means and justification for leadership within the discipline of environmental preservation and the restitution of creation to the care of the Lord God Almighty,	
146th (2020)	9	Ottawa	Grace Orleans, Ottawa	New governance model following remit decisions	Theological separation	Assembly Council	to seek a way forward, in the spirit of “Pathway C: One Denomination – Three Streams”, presented in the 2019 report of the Special Committee of Former Moderators, to provide a governance model with a legally safeguarded, guaranteed and permanent place in The Presbyterian Church in Canada where congregations and clergy with a traditional understanding of the Bible can continue to do ministry in this denomination in a manner which reflects the same character, identity, ethos and core teachings that are the way of our denomination honouring our existing subordinate standards;	
146th (2020)	10	Pickering	Grace West Hill, Toronto	A place for congregations and ministers with traditional Biblical understanding	Theological separation	Assembly Council	to seek a way forward, in the spirit of “Pathway C: One Denomination – Three Streams”, presented in the 2019 report of the Special Committee of Former Moderators, to provide a safeguarded, guaranteed and permanent place in The Presbyterian Church in Canada where congregations and clergy with a traditional understanding of the Bible can continue to do ministry in this denomination in a manner which reflects the same character, identity, ethos and core teachings that are	

							the way of our denomination during the formation and adoption of our existing subordinate standards	
146th (2020)	11	New Brunswick	St. Andrew's Moncton	Establishing new courts and structures	Theological separation	Clerks of Assembly	to construct theological relief courts upholding traditional theology with The Presbyterian Church in Canada, presbyteries, synods and General Assemblies, allowing sessions to choose which courts their congregations would affiliate with, as well as other supportive structures as may be necessary to exist within The Presbyterian Church in Canada	
146th (2020)		Waterloo-Wellington	Westminster St. Paul's, Guelph	Congregational Stake in relinquished Church Property			to name a Special Committee to look at the Legacy of Congregations to their Local Ministry Context and how it may be provided for through the retention and redevelopment, rather than the sale of church property, this committee to include local congregational representatives who are facing the possible closure of their facility and who are passionate and visionary in this area, along with those having the relevant theological, legal, political and financial expertise, and to present its final report to the 148th General Assembly, with an interim reports in 2021.	
146th (2021)	1	Western Han-Ca	-	Establishing a partner denomination	Theological separation	Assembly Council & Clerks of Assembly	THEREFORE, the Western Han Ca Presbytery concludes that it is in the best interests of Korean congregations, sympathetically with other traditional-orthodox congregations, to seek departure from our beloved denomination, and we do so with great sadness. In the interests of enabling the mission of all congregations of the PCC, we hereby request that the General Assembly consider creating a partner or sister denomination (name to be determined), releasing the Han Ca congregations and other traditional-orthodox congregations who wish to leave the PCC because of the understanding of the biblical and theological differences that divide us. This new partner or sister denomination would share common resources including the Presbyterian Pension Plan, enabling all congregations in their mission and ministries according to their theological convictions. The Western Han Ca humbly overtures the Venerable, the 146th General Assembly to	

							consider our cry and prayer on this subject seeking the immediate action of this Assembly,
146th (2021)	2	Hamilton	-	Non-interim moderators as equalizing ministers		Clerks of Assembly	to allow individual presbyteries to choose those ministers on the appendix whose are involved in presbytery committees to be equalizing ministers,
146th (2021)	3	Kingston	St. Andrew's, Tweed	Revise Living Faith in light of contemporary challenges		Church Doctrine	in the light of these life-threatening, mind-altering and spirit-deadening times, to initiate a revision of Living Faith so that it remains a contemporary statement, an important tool to speak loud and clear to a society in flux,
146th (2021)	4	Kingston	Strathcona Park, Kingston	Maternity/Paternity benefit top-up		Pension & Benefits Board	to reimburse congregations 100% of the maternity/parental leave stipend and housing allowance top-up by such means as renegotiating with The Presbyterian Church in Canada's benefits provider or through such means as Presbyterians Sharing
146th (2021)	5	Kingston	Strathcona Park, Kingston	Health and dental plans for clergy couple in congregation		Pension & Benefits Board	to allow a congregation that calls a co-pastoring clergy couple to one full-time position the option of opting out of one of the two health and dental plans by such means as renegotiating with The Presbyterian Church in Canada's benefits provider in order to relieve this financial burden or at minimum to resolve to assist in this financial burden as a national church by providing support and funding through such means as Presbyterians Sharing,
146th (2021)	6	PEI	St. James, Charlottetown,	LGBTQI elders	Inclusion	Clerks of Assembly	to require that all ruling and teaching elders within The Presbyterian Church in Canada extend a gracious welcome to any and all LGBTQI elders who may be ordained into our service should the relevant 2019 sexuality remits pass, offering them collegiality, support and inclusion as they assume their new roles, so that the peace of the church is maintained and support for one another as colleagues in ministry is appropriately extended,
146th (2021)	7	East Toronto		Clergy pay equity and gender based discrimination		Pension & Benefits Board in consultation with LMA	to: 1) direct the Pension and Benefits Board and any other national staff necessary to gather and present relevant statistics on clergy stipend by gender in an effort to better understand the current realities of gender pay equity within The Presbyterian Church in Canada; and 2)

							that a special committee on gender inequity be established that will include representatives named by the Life and Mission Agency, Pension and Benefits Board, and a cross-section of female clergy with the goal of developing actionable steps to end gender-based discrimination at all levels of our church,	
146th (2021)	8	Ottawa	Grace Orleans, Ottawa	Limiting the agenda	Limited GA agenda	Assembly Council	to limit the business brought before the General Assembly in 2021 to matters normally brought forward under the "Consent Agenda" and other non-contentious matters; and that specifically the matter of Remits B and C (2019) be postponed until such a time as General Assembly is able to meet face to face to allow for due process,	
146th (2021)	9	Ottawa	Knox, Manotick	Congregations wishing to separate from the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	Assembly Council	to establish a policy of gracious separation from The Presbyterian Church in Canada of dissenting churches as those congregations in integrity may be unable to continue within The Presbyterian Church in Canada in good conscience, as a result of decisions made by General Assembly with respect to human sexuality; allowing congregations to leave the denomination without due encumbrances, with their buildings, endowments and assets intact,	
146th (2021)	10	Ottawa	Knox, Manotick	Establishing a theologically autonomous courts	Theological separation	Assembly Council	to construct theological relief courts such as an autonomous synod upholding traditional theology within The Presbyterian Church in Canada, allowing sessions to choose with which courts their congregations would affiliate, as well as other supportive structures as may be necessary to exist within The Presbyterian Church in Canada	
146th (2021)	11	Wat-Well	-	Attendance Records		Assembly Council	Require congregations to report weekly attendance numbers separately, as: 1. In person weekly attendance 2. Online weekly attendance. (Online attendance to be counted by "views" reported in the online platform used. If a church uses a multiple online platforms , online weekly attendance should be a total of all views, on all platforms.)	
146th (2021)	12	New Brunswick	St. Andrew's Moncton	Restructuring Along Theological Lines	Theological separation	Clerks of Assembly	to restructure the denomination along two theological lines, one theologically autonomous Synod each along traditional and revisionist lines, with General	

							Assembly and national offices activities being limited to human resource matters such as pension, health and dental; mission and relief activities; and other mutually agreed upon activities and interests; allowing each Session to choose which Synod their congregation would affiliate with	
146th (2021)	13	New Brunswick	St. Andrew's Moncton	Limited 2021 Online General Assembly	Limited GA agenda	Clerks of Assembly	to limit the business brought before the General Assembly in 2021 to matters normally brought forward under the "Consent Agenda" and other non-contentious matters; and that specifically the matter of Remits B and C (2019) be postponed until such a time as General Assembly is able to meet face to face to allow for due process,	
146th (2021)	14	New Brunswick	St. Andrew's Moncton	2019 Barrier Act Be Set Aside		Clerks of Assembly	would set aside the actions of the 2019 General Assembly in initiating the Barrier Act in the terms that it did, in order to find a way forward, under the unifying guidance of the Holy Spirit, that glorifies God and enhances the mission of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church,	
146th (2021)	15	New Brunswick	St. John's, Tabusintac; St. Matthew's Bartibog Bridge & Zion, New Jersey	Seeking unity in Christ prior to acting on Remits B&C.		Clerks of Assembly	for more than a simple deferring or tabling, but introduce a course of action of reconciliation in the current state and order of the church, that the church may first regain its unity in Christ before becoming any more divided over its theology, views on sexuality, growing ageism, isolationism and racism; that in purposed delay with action and intention, the denomination may state it sought unity before applying a decision which on its own will most certainly divide,	
146th (2021)	16	New Brunswick	St. John's, Tabusintac; St. Matthew's Bartibog Bridge & Zion, New Jersey	Presbyteries formed according to theological ideals	Theological separation	Clerks of Assembly	to permit the formation of presbyteries, by covenant rather than geography, to encourage fellowship and a sense of stability and alignment in teaching and practices of faith and form,	
146th (2021)	17	New Brunswick	St. John's, Tabusintac; St. Matthew's Bartibog Bridge & Zion, New Jersey	Establishing a theologically autonomous presbytery	Theological separation	Clerks of Assembly	that should Remits B and C, 2019 be adopted, a register for dissent from the secular theology would be presented, and a request made for an association with a separate synod or presbytery, that is represented in New Brunswick, be formed around a traditional, reformed orthodox faith or permission for a "graceful or gracious dismissal",	

146th (2021)	18	New Brunswick	St. James, Newcastle; & Grace, Millerton & Ferguson, Derby	Presbyteries formed according to shared biblical commitment	Theological separation	Clerks of Assembly	to permit the creation of a new presbytery that would be covenantal, rather than strictly geographical, in encouraging the association of congregations on the basis of shared biblical commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ
146th (2021)	19	Peace River	St. James, Dawson Creek	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	Clerks of Assembly	to allow the report of the Gracious Dismissal Committee, a sub-committee of Assembly Council, which would address the issues noted above, be received at General Assembly before the vote on Remits B and C, or
146th (2021)	20	Eastern Han-Ca	-	Establishing a theologically autonomous new synod	Theological separation	Assembly Council	to create a safeguarded, guaranteed and permanent place with the theological separation in the form of a theologically and doctrinally autonomous synod where congregations that uphold the existing subordinate standards in the Han-Ca Presbyteries and elsewhere can continue to be fully participating members in covenant with The Presbyterian Church in Canada just as the Presbyteries of Eastern and Western Han-Ca were formed on the basis of a distinct and separate language and culture in order that the ordained ministers, ruling elders and congregations could fully participate in the denomination;
146th (2021)	21	Oak Ridges	Chapel Place	New Synod with theological separation; Gracious Dismissal	Theological separation and/or Gracious Dismissal	Assembly Council	Either create a safeguarded, guaranteed and permanent place with theological separation in the form of a theologically and doctrinally autonomous Synod where congregations that uphold the existing subordinate standards in PCC can exist within a legally separate entity, which should protect the civil liability of the congregations and leadership who continue to follow their vows; or Establish a policy of gracious dismissal from The Presbyterian Church in Canada for churches dissenting from the new definition of marriage; allowing congregations to leave the denomination without due encumbrances, with their buildings, endowments and assets intact,
146th (2021)	22	Eastern Han-Ca	-	Establishing a theologically autonomous new synod	Theological separation	unreferred	to create a safeguarded, guaranteed and permanent place with the theological separation in the form of a theologically and doctrinally autonomous synod where congregations that uphold the existing subordinate standards in the Han-Ca

							Presbyteries and elsewhere can continue to be fully participating members in covenant with The Presbyterian Church in Canada just as the Presbyteries of Eastern and Western Han-Ca were formed on the basis of a distinct and separate language and culture in order that the ordained ministers, ruling elders and congregations could fully participate in the denomination;
146th (2021)	23	Ottawa	Parkwood Church, Ottawa	Constitution of two synods on the basis of marriage definition	Theological separation	unreferred	to propose and initiate a restructuring of The Presbyterian Church in Canada designed (1) to bring together as one synod those ministers, sessions, congregations, and presbyteries holding the present confessed doctrine of marriage defined as the union of one man and one woman and who affirm that those eligible for ordination as either elders or ministers are expected to teach and to practice no other definition of marriage; and (2) to permit ministers, sessions, congregations and presbyteries who wish to hold and practice a different doctrine of marriage defined as the union of two adult persons and who affirm that those eligible for ordination as either elders or ministers may teach and practice such a definition of marriage be brought together as a separate synod; thus enabling two synods to be constituted, each with ministers, sessions, congregations, and presbyteries mutually accountable within their respective ecclesiastical frameworks; both synods to share in the present resources of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and to cooperate where common cause is affirmed or can be found and affirmed, in the furtherance of Christian witness, while preserving with integrity confessional fidelity and presbyterial polity;
146th (2021)	24	Hamilton	Cheyne Church, Stoney Creek	Establishing traditional and affirming entities within the denomination	Theological separation	unreferred	to create a process and legislation that will graciously restructure The Presbyterian Church in Canada to form two separate entities – Affirming and Traditional – embracing the spirit of Pathway C of the Special Committee of Former Moderators’ report allowing each congregation to choose to follow their understanding of God’s will within a legally separate entity, which should protect the civil liability of the leadership who continue to follow

							their vows	
146th (2021)	28	Essex Kent	-	Assembly Council sub-committee report re; Gracious Dismissal r	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the Gracious Dismissal Committee;	
146th (2021)	29	Essex Kent		Restructuring the PCC	Theological separation	unreferred	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take steps to form two national synods, each with autonomy in theological and doctrinal issues, discipline, mission and the training of teaching elders; - enable each synod to form regional presbyteries; - allow each ruling and teaching elder to choose which synod to which he/she would adhere; - allow each congregation to choose which synod/presbytery to which it would belong; - confine to General Assembly only the responsibilities to matters common to both synods, such as employment standards, pensions and benefits. 	
146th (2021)	30	Westminster	St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's North Vancouver	Gracious Dismissal (Full text of Gracious Dismissal subcommittee included in the overture)	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to permit congregations to leave the denomination with their property at nominal cost to the congregation if the denomination approves either a redefinition of marriage to include same sex couples or the ordination of those leaders who are in a same sex marriage ("Gracious Dismissal"), to adopt a process for the implementation of Gracious Dismissal in the manner described in Appendix C to the Gracious Dismissal Report or as modified by General Assembly in its wisdom after due consideration of the details, and to place the matter before and have it considered and fully addressed by the Venerable, the 146th General Assembly prior to addressing Remits B and C, 2019 under the Barrier Act being considered by such General Assembly so that decisions made about the Remits are based on theology and ecclesiology, not on property,	
146th (2021)	31	West Toronto	Fellowship, Toronto	Creating a presbytery or synod for those holding traditional views of scripture	Theological separation	unreferred	to create a safeguard, guaranteed and permanent place for those upholding traditional views of the scriptures within The Presbyterian Church in Canada, allowing sessions to join or transfer to a presbytery (and/or synod) with which their congregation would affiliate, where traditional view clergy and congregation	

							can continue to do ministry with within The Presbyterian Church in Canada	
146th (2021)	43	Algoma-North Bay		Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and consider the final report of the gracious dismissal committee before the consideration of Remits B and C should said Assembly determine to consider these Remits	
146th (2021)	44	Algoma-North Bay		Limiting business of 2021 GA	Limited GA agenda	unreferred	to limit the business brought before the General Assembly in 2021 to matters normally brought forward under the “consent agenda” and other non-contentious matters until such a time as General Assembly is able to meet safely face to face to allow for due process,	
146th (2021)	45	Paris	St. Paul’s, Simcoe	Limiting business of 2021 GA	Limited GA agenda	unreferred	to consider no matters that would substantively alter the doctrine, polity or ecclesiology of the Presbyterian Church in Canada	
146th (2021)	46	Montreal	Arabic	Theologically based synods and presbyteries	Theological separation	unreferred	to: a) take steps to form two synods, each national in scope, with autonomy in doctrinal issues, discipline, etc., b) enable the formation of presbyteries along generous regional and theological lines, c) confine General Assembly responsibilities to matters common to both synods,	
146th (2021)	47	Montreal	Montreal Chinese	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee before proceeding to discussions about Remits B and C from the 2019 General Assembly,	
146th (2021)	48	Montreal	Montreal Chinese	Restructured synods and presbyteries with shared priorities	Theological separation	unreferred	to mandate a committee that will research the issue and prepare for the 147th General Assembly, recommendations for the restructuring of The Presbyterian Church in Canada into non-geographic synods and presbyteries in such a way that: a) local congregations are given full liberty of conscience and action in matters relating to human sexuality, and b) vital central administrative functions (such as the pension plan, the trustee board, etc.) and key shared ministries (like PWS&D, Presbyterians Sharing, the campgrounds and retreat facilities, the seminaries, etc.) can be preserved and maintained,	
146th (2021)	49	Pickering	Grace West Hill, Toronto	Receiving the Gracious Dismissal report	Gracious Dismissal		to receive the report of the Gracious Dismissal task force as found on pages 1363-1372 of the October 27, 2020 Assembly Council minutes and to consider the recommendations found within that report	

146th (2021)	50	Pickering	Grace West Hill	Two Semi-Autonomous National Synods	Theological separation	unreferred	authorize the formation of presbyteries along theological lines with accommodating geographic boundaries; and immediately authorize and encourage congregational leaders to connect with other congregational leaders of like mind and heart to implement, as an interim measure, presbyteries of care and missional vision, compassion and accountability, for consideration at the next General Assembly; and initiate steps to form two national synods, each with total autonomy in their matters of doctrine, ordination, teaching and discipline; and confine General Assembly responsibilities, when the two synods gather together, to matters common to both synods; and defer enacting “Remit B, 2019” and Remit C, 2019”, if they are adopted, until such time as steps necessary to adopt and fully operationalize theologically based partitions (two national synods) can be implemented;	
146th (2021)	51	Lambton - West Middlesex	Knox, Thedford	Separate Synods	Theological separation		to consider establishing at least two, possibly three, different, related yet separate synods or connected denominations, so that people of faith, and in good faith, can be free to pursue the beliefs and practices they understand as faithful to scripture, doctrine, polity and Christian discipleship; where shared structures such as pensions and benefits, some mission programs and resources may continue, yet with a separation in matters of doctrine, polity and Christian discipleship which affords each and all to worship and serve with integrity and at peace with one another;	
146th (2021)	52	Lambton - West Middlesex	Knox, Thedford	Addiction issues		Ministry and Church Vocations, in consultation with Justice Ministries	to create a national working group of rural and remote congregations; such a working committee would offer information, examples and ideas of meaningful responses, encouragement, and possible funding for rural and remote congregations to be active participants in providing help for those caught in addiction and their families; to provide counselling to those caught in addiction and their families in their hometown; and	

							to be able to serve people in their local community in the name of Jesus Christ, with the care, compassion and welcome Jesus calls us to show (Matthew 11:28-30; Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-17). Whereas this request involves leadership in congregations, it might well be best served by Ministry and Church Vocations, in consultation with Justice Ministries;	
146th (2021)	54	Western Han-Ca	Antioch, Edmonton	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	55	Western Han-Ca	Brandon Korean	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	56	Western Han-Ca	Yulbahng, Burnaby	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	57	Western Han-Ca	Calgary Korean	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	58	Western Han-Ca	Galilee, Vancouver	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	59	Western Han-Ca	Soojung, Pitt Meadows	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	

146th (2021)	60	Western Han-Ca	Sungan, Vancouver	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	61	Western Han-Ca	Surrey Korean	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	62	Western Han-Ca	Korean, Vancouver	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	63	Western Han-Ca	Grace, Victoria	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	64	Western Han-Ca	Antioch, Edmonton	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	65	Western Han-Ca	Yulbahng, Burnaby	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	66	Western Han-Ca	Korean, Edmonton	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	67	Western Han-Ca	Galilee, Vancouver	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	68	Western Han-Ca	Soojung, Pitt Meadows	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	

146th (2021)	69	Western Han-Ca	Manitoba Korean, Winnipeg	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	70	Western Han-Ca	Korean, Brandon	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	71	Western Han-Ca	Sungan, Vancouver	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	72	Western Han-Ca	Korean, Surrey	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	73	Western Han-Ca	Korean, Vancouver	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	74	Western Han-Ca	Grace, Victoria	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	75	Western Han-Ca	Soojung, Pitt Meadows	Establishing a partner denomination	Theological separation	unreferred	to consider our cry and prayer on this subject seeking the immediate action of this Assembly	
146th (2021)	76	Algoma-North Bay		Ensuring open and fair discernment at GA	Limited GA agenda	unreferred	to be prepared to put an immediate end to its proceedings until such time as may be necessary in order to assure that the usual discussion and voting process of our polity may be guaranteed, which may include delaying decisions to a future Assembly,	
146th (2021)	77	Montreal	Kensington, Montreal	Endorsing Remits B & C, 2019		unreferred	to endorse Remit B (2019) and Remit C (2019), adopting them as amendments to Church Law, and to work together on what we share, our common belief in, worship of, and service to our God in Christ,	
146th (2021)	78	Western Han-Ca	Manitoba Korean, Winnipeg	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	79	Eastern Han-Ca	London Korean, London	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	80	Eastern Han-Ca	London Korean, London	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October	

							2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	81	Eastern Han-Ca	Galilee, Toronto	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	82	Eastern Han-Ca	Galilee, Toronto	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	83	Eastern Han-Ca	Westside, Mississauga	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	84	Eastern Han-Ca	Westside, Mississauga	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	85	Eastern Han-Ca	Vaughn, Community, Thornhill	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	86	Eastern Han-Ca	Vaughn, Community, Thornhill	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	87	Eastern Han-Ca	Toronto Korean, Toronto	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee	
146th (2021)	88	Eastern Han-Ca	Toronto Korean, Toronto	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	88	Eastern Han-Ca	Toronto Korean, Toronto	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October	

							2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	88	Western Han-Ca	Abbotsford Korean	Tabling contentious issues until an October 2021 Assembly	Postpone sexuality discussion	unreferred	to table any contentious decisions until such time as a General Assembly can be held in person, and to call for a General Assembly to be held in person in October 2021, to consider any urgent and potentially contentious business that has been tabled for this reason,	
146th (2021)	25	Barrie	St. Andrew's Huntsville	Restructuring the denomination along two theological lines	Theological separation	unreferred	to take steps to form two synods, each national in scope, with autonomy in doctrinal issues, discipline, etc.; to enable the formation of presbyteries along generous regional and theological lines; to confine General Assembly responsibilities to matters common to both synods,	
146th (2021)	26	Barrie	St. Andrew's Huntsville	Preparing legislation for congregations wishing to leave the denomination	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to: a) form a commission, drawing from church and civil history, and law both Canadian and otherwise, insights which would aid in enabling the church to part company in a gracious and charitable manner, should present differences prove irreconcilable. This would aid in ensuring that the larger part of congregational resources would be devoted to further the fulfilment of the great commission; and b) call for the drafting of church legislation and civil legislation, as may be required, to effect a gracious and charitable separation should such become regrettably necessary,	
146th (2021)	27	Paris	St. Paul's, Simcoe	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive the report of the Gracious Dismissal task force as found on pages 1363–1372 of the October 27, 2020 Unreferred Overtures (cont'd) – 2021 Page 6, Assembly Council Minutes and to consider the recommendations found within that report,	
146th (2021)	32	West Toronto	St. Andrew's, Islington	Allowing congregations to leave the denomination with their properties and funds, under conditions	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to allow congregations to withdraw from The Presbyterian Church in Canada and to become the full owners of their properties, buildings, and funds under the following conditions: Unreferred Overtures (cont'd) – 2021 Page 19 - that the withdrawal is supported by a 75% vote of both the session and the membership; - that the reason for the withdrawal is a biblically based sense of irreconcilable	

							<p>differences over the direction being taken by The Presbyterian Church in Canada if or when Remits B and C are passed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that the congregation remains active and viable as an independent congregation or as a member of a new or existing Reformed denomination or fellowship for a period of at least 10 years after its withdrawal; - that a reasonable amount be paid to The Presbyterian Church in Canada to cover any expenses and/or losses it might incur through such a process, 	
146th (2021)	33	West Toronto	St. Andrew's, Islington	Establishing a theologically autonomous courts	Theological separation	unreferred	to devolve theological teachings on same-sex intimacy and marriages to the presbyteries (and/or synods), to allow each congregation to join or transfer to a presbytery (and/or synod) that shares its belief and commitment in these matters, and to outline a process for the creation of new presbyteries (and/or synods) if there is no presbytery (and/or synod) with which sessions feel they can align themselves in these matters within a reasonable distance,	
146th (2021)	34	Hamilton	Cheyne Church, Stoney Creek	Limiting business of 2021 GA	Limited GA agenda	unreferred	to limit the business brought before it to matters normally brought forward under the “consent agenda” and other non-contentious matters; and that specifically the matter of Remits B and C (2019) be postponed until General Assembly can meet face to face to allow for due process,	
146th (2021)	35	Hamilton	Cheyne Church, Stoney Creek	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to consider the report of the gracious dismissal committee prior to Remits B and C, 2019, (found on pages 1363–1372 of the October 27, 2020 Assembly Council Minutes),	
146th (2021)	36	Oak Ridges	Markam Chinese, Markham	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive the report of the gracious dismissal task force as found on pages 1363–1372 of the October 27, 2020 Assembly Council Minutes and to consider the recommendations found within that report,	
146th (2021)	37	Montreal		Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and consider the report of the Gracious Dismissal Committee before proceeding to discussions about Remits B and C from the 2019 General Assembly,	
146th (2021)	38	Montreal		Theologically based synods	Theological separation	unreferred	to begin the process of restructuring into non-geographic synods along theological lines,	
146th	39	Montreal		Congregations	Gracious	unreferred	to chart a clear and non-punitive way	

(2021)				wishing to separate from the denomination	Dismissal		forward for congregations who feel they must withdraw from the denomination for theological reasons
146th (2021)	40	Montreal		Amending Book of Forms 48 re: immediate vote		unreferred	to amend paragraph 48 of the Book of Forms by deleting the words “If carried in the affirmative” and replacing them with the words “If carried by a two-thirds majority vote”,
146th (2021)	41	Montreal		Liberty of conscience and indemnity for possible claims	Liberty of conscience	unreferred	to make the guarantee of liberty of conscience on same-sex marriage and ordination of LGBTQI people practical by guaranteeing that the national church will pay the court costs and any fines incurred in refusing to conduct a same-sex marriage or to participate in an LGBTQI ordination
146th (2021)	42	Montreal	St. Andrew and St. Paul, Montreal	Registry of ministers and congregations re: solemnizing same-sex marriage			to form a working group to discuss the best ways to implement Remits B and C and to make recommendations to a future Assembly; ways to be considered include: 1. establishing a national office to maintain both an up-to-date national registry of ministers and congregations willing to celebrate same-sex marriages and an up-to-date registry of ministers and congregations not willing to celebrate same-sex marriages, 2. requesting presbyteries to maintain such a registry, and 3. forming guidelines by which a minister unwilling to celebrate same-sex marriages would refer a couple to a minister who would,
146th (2021)	53	Western Han-Ca	Abbotsford Korean, Abbotsford	Assembly Council sub-committee report re: gracious dismissal	Gracious Dismissal	unreferred	to receive and to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider the report of the Gracious Dismissal Committee,

Petitions

GA	Presbytery	Congregation	Topic	Concept	Referred to...	Request	Answer
143rd (2017)	Western Han-Ca		Guidance re denominational unity during human sexuality decisions		1. Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board 2. Assembly Council in consultation with LMA and Church Doctrine	to consider our cry on these subjects asking you to provide to us with guidance as to how we can remain as one body in the denomination, remaining as your courts of presbyteries serving its constituent members, The Presbyterian Church in Canada and our Lord, to the glory of God,	p. 216, 2018 A&P: That we as a church seek unity in Christ in our dealings with one another, in the spirit of the experience of the workshop engaged in by representatives of the Han-Ca Presbyteries, the Committee on Church Doctrine, the Life and Mission Agency, the Assembly Council and the Clerks of Assembly.

143rd (2017)	Lambton-Middlesex	Knox, Thedford	Congregations retaining buildings independent of future GA decision	Retaining building and assets	<p>1. Clerks of Assembly in consultation with the Assembly Council, Committee on Church Doctrine, Committee on Church History, Pension and Benefits Board, and Trustee Board, Rec. No. 2, p. 42; 235, 45 and</p> <p>2. Assembly Council in consultation with the Life and Mission Agency Committee and the Committee on Church Doctrine re the unity of the church, Rec. No. 5, p. 42; 235, 45</p>	to assure the congregation of Knox Church, Thedford, that the current building and future expansions will remain in the hands of the local trustees of Knox Church, Thedford, so that the congregation can fulfill the mission of God in its community, regardless of any decisions made by the 2017 General Assembly or any future General Assembly,	p. 221, 2019 A&P:”The petitioners are incorrect, however, in stating that the Trustee Board of The Presbyterian Church in Canada lists the property as theirs. This is not the case. As with all congregations of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, their building is and will remain owned by the congregation and held in trust, as described in more detail in the response to Overture No. 37, 2015 and Nos. 4, 5 and 7, 2016 adopted by the 2016 General Assembly. (A&P 2016, p. 281–83, 23) The same legislation governs the property of Knox, Thedford that applies to all congregations within our church. Only after dissolution would property vest with the Trustee Board and that is not contemplated in the petition nor is it something that a decision of the General Assembly would affect.
143rd (2017)	Eastern Han-Ca		Guidance re denominational unity during human sexuality decisions		<p>1. Clerks of Assembly in consultation with AC, Church Doctrine, Church History, Pension & Benefits, Trustee Board</p> <p>2. Assembly Council in consultation with LMA and Church Doctrine</p>	to ask the Clerks of Assembly and the Life and Mission Agency Committee to consider our cry on these subjects asking you to provide to us with guidance as to how we can remain as one body in the denomination, remaining as your courts of Presbyteries serving its constituent members, The Presbyterian Church in Canada and our Lord, to the glory of God,	p. 216, 2018 A&P: That we as a church seek unity in Christ in our dealings with one another, in the spirit of the experience of the workshop engaged in by representatives of the Han-Ca Presbyteries, the Committee on Church Doctrine, the Life and Mission Agency, the Assembly Council and the Clerks of Assembly.
146th (2020)	Essex-Kent	St. Andrew’s Lakeshore	Reassessment of pension contribution			a special reassessment of its 2020 pension contribution to reflect the 2019 congregation dollar base rather than the 2018, and to provide complete forgiveness of past-due payments out of compassion and in light of the significant financial contributions the congregation has made to the pension plan,	
146th (2021)	Eastern & Western Han-Ca	-	Racism and Marginalization			to confess their sins in written response to the large ethnic contingent of our denomination who have been mistreated by the dominant culture in our denomination because we and other ethnic minorities are not willing to abdicate our God-given expressions of Christianity to assimilate to the form of Christianity which the dominant culture dictates.	