

Resolution 6

RIGHT OF APPEAL

1 WHEREAS, Some confusion has arisen concerning the General Council Bylaws Article
2 X requirements for disciplined ministers in the filing of formal ministerial
3 appeals to the General Council Credentials Committee and the General
4 Presbytery; and

5 WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws Article X. Discipline, Section 10, paragraph a, page
6 69, reads that an appeal to the General Council Credentials Committee
7 “should include any new or exculpatory information not previously
8 considered”; and

9 WHEREAS, General Council Bylaws Article X. Discipline, Section 10, paragraph c, page
10 70, reads that an appeal to the General Presbytery “must include new
11 exculpatory information”; and

12 WHEREAS, The General Presbytery has reviewed said policy and determined the
13 present language in the General Council Bylaws Article X should be revised
14 to bring into agreement the language regarding “new exculpatory
15 information” for both the appeal to the General Council Credentials
16 Committee and the appeal to the General Council; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 10. Right
18 of Appeal, paragraph a, page 69, which reads:

19 **a. Filing of appeal to the General Council Credentials**
20 **Committee.** The right of appeal applies to all actions of discipline and
21 termination of credentials other than lapsing or resigning on the initiative
22 of the minister. An accused minister shall have thirty (30) days from the
23 date notification of the General Council Credentials Committee’s
24 decision was mailed to appeal to the General Council Credentials
25 Committee. The minister shall be apprised officially of this right at the time
26 notification is given to the minister of the decision of the General Council
27 Credentials Committee. The appeal is to be sent to the office of the
28 general superintendent, and should include any new or exculpatory
29 information not previously considered, with copies sent to the

1 superintendent of the minister's district of affiliation and any other
2 districts involved.

3 Be amended to read:

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14 information ~~not previously considered~~, with copies sent to the
15 superintendent of the minister's district of affiliation and any other
16 districts involved.

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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