

Resolution 18

SUBSEQUENT DISMISSAL CLARIFIED

1 WHEREAS, The provision for a subsequent dismissal is provided for and sought when a
2 minister's previous credential status was either resigned, lapsed, or not
3 renewed; and

4 WHEREAS, The wording in The General Council Bylaws does not specifically name the
5 "not renewed" status to be included although it is implied; and

6 WHEREAS, Legal counsel for The General Council has advised that it would be prudent
7 to revise the wording to match the intention and practice of the provision to
8 specifically include the "not renewed" option; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the General Council Bylaws ARTICLE X. DISCIPLINE, Section 9.
10 Referral for Action to the General Council Credentials Committee,
11 paragraph a. District recommendation, subparagraph (3), page 69 which
12 reads:

13 (3) *Subsequent dismissal.* Should evidence come to light following a
14 minister's resignation, or the lapse of his or her credentials, of conduct
15 occurring prior to his or her resignation or lapse of credentials that would
16 constitute grounds for disciplinary action under Article X, Section 3, of
17 these Bylaws, the district at its discretion may request the General Council
18 Credentials Committee to change that minister's status from lapsed or
19 resigned to dismissed. The district shall inform the minister involved of its
20 action and, where applicable, the superintendent of the minister's district of
21 affiliation. All rights of appeal will apply.

22 Be amended to read:

23 (3) *Subsequent dismissal.* Should evidence come to light, following a
24 minister's ~~resignation, or the lapse of his or her~~ termination of credentials,
25 (whether by lapse, resignation, or not renewed), of conduct occurring prior to
26 said change of credential status ~~his or her resignation or lapse of credentials~~
27 that would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under Article X,
28 Section 3, of these Bylaws, the district at its discretion may request the
29 General Council Credentials Committee to change that minister's credential
30 status from ~~lapsed or resigned~~ to dismissed. The district shall inform the

1 former minister involved of its action and, where applicable, the
2 superintendent of the minister's district of affiliation. All rights of appeal will
3 apply.

Sponsor: Executive Presbytery
General Presbytery

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