

Proposal of Amendment to the  
CONGREGATIONAL BYLAWS  
Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church  
Revised by the Congregation, January 26, 1997  
Including Proposed Amendments, May 23, 1999

The Session recommends to the congregation the following two changes to the Bylaws. The rationale for each is presented.

Proposed Amendment

1. XI *ELDERS*

The congregation shall elect ~~eighteen~~ twelve elders divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the congregational meeting for a three-year term. No elder shall serve for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years. An elder having served a total of six years shall be ineligible for reelection to the Session for a period of at least one year. ~~In addition, each year the congregation shall elect one member twenty five years or younger, to serve as an elder for a one year term.~~

**Rationale:** The Session can effectively do its work with twelve members and Session members should be drawn from all age groups present in the congregation.

2. ~~XV TRANSITION FROM THE BICAMERAL SYSTEM~~

~~Effective at the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation in January 2000, the Session and the Board of Trustees shall merge, in the following fashion. All Trustees whose terms are continuing past January, 2000, or who are eligible for re-~~

~~nomination to the Board, shall be eligible to be elected to the Session, for a term expiring in the same year as their current term on the Board of Trustees expires, with eligibility to be nominated for a second term according to the usual provisions of G 14.0201a. The size of the Session shall be increased as needed, to accommodate those eligible. Trustees who accept this nomination, with that size not to exceed 25 in 2000, 22 in 2001, 22 in 2002 and 19 in 2003. In the event that future vacancies occur on the Session through resignation or other means, the size of the Session shall be reduced to 19 at the earliest opportunity. The position of youth representative to the Session shall continue, with a one year term as stated in Section XI, throughout the transition period.~~

~~Once the size of the Session has been restored to 19, this section of the By-Laws shall expire. Until that time, the provisions of this section shall supersede those of Section XI.~~

**Rationale:** The transition referred to in this article has been completed, and as indicated in the text, this provision should now be removed from the By-Laws.