

Meeting Pre-Packet:

152nd Stated Meeting of the
Presbytery of South Louisiana
Saturday, November 12, 2022 9:00am



First Presbyterian Church in Ponchatoula

The Rev. Aaron Gordon, Pastor

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First Presbyterian Church of Ponchatoula



Friends in Christ,

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Ponchatoula. We are honored to host the November 12 Presbytery Meeting. Our facilities are divided into multiple buildings, so please check the maps.

Our congregation has been sharing Christ's love with Ponchatoula since the 1920s. In the 1980s, the congregation helped to create Westminster Place Apartments for Seniors. The 2010s, we leased our education building to Regina Coeli to host an Early Head Start program in Ponchatoula. Most recently, we have been involved in starting Twin Steeples Creative Arts Center, which is adjacent to the education building. We sold our old chapel, which was constructed around 1893, and some land to the project for one dollar.

Twin Steeples is an independent 501(c)(3) run by a volunteer board of directors. The goal is to make the arts accessible to the community. We believe this arts center is part of God's ministry to reach out to creative people who have gathered in our area.

We are attempting to join God in reaching out to creative people and others who are on the fringes of the church. Twin Steeples is part of this effort. In addition, we have begun a monthly Friday evening service to reach people who do not attend worship on Sunday morning. After decades of decline, we are looking for creative ways to be a community that draws people to Jesus Christ.

Please feel welcome as we seek to participate in God's work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Gordon".

Aaron Gordon
Pastor

Directions to First Presbyterian Church of Ponchatoula

ADDRESS: 197 S. 4th St.
Ponchatoula, LA 70454



First Presbyterian Church of
Ponchatoula



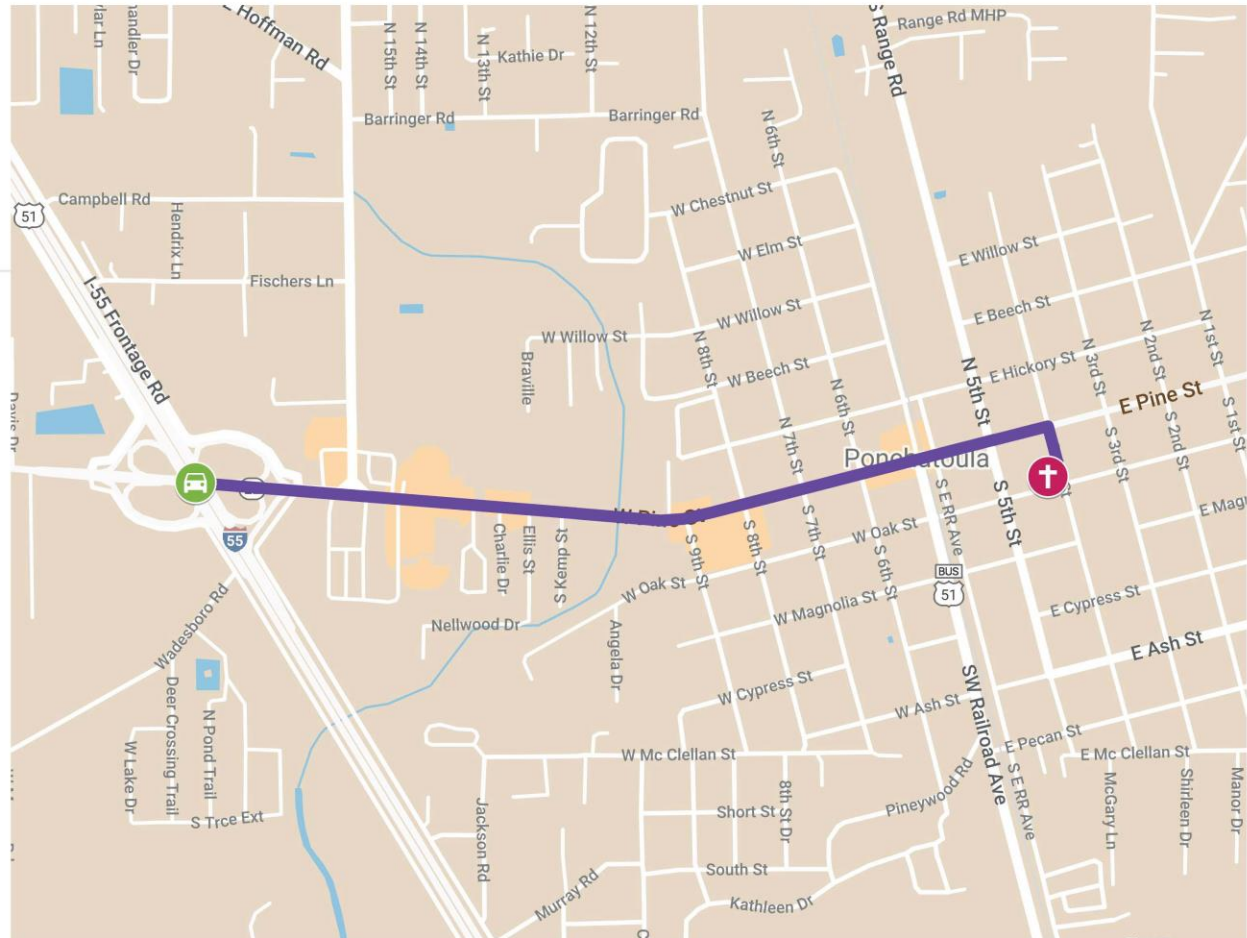
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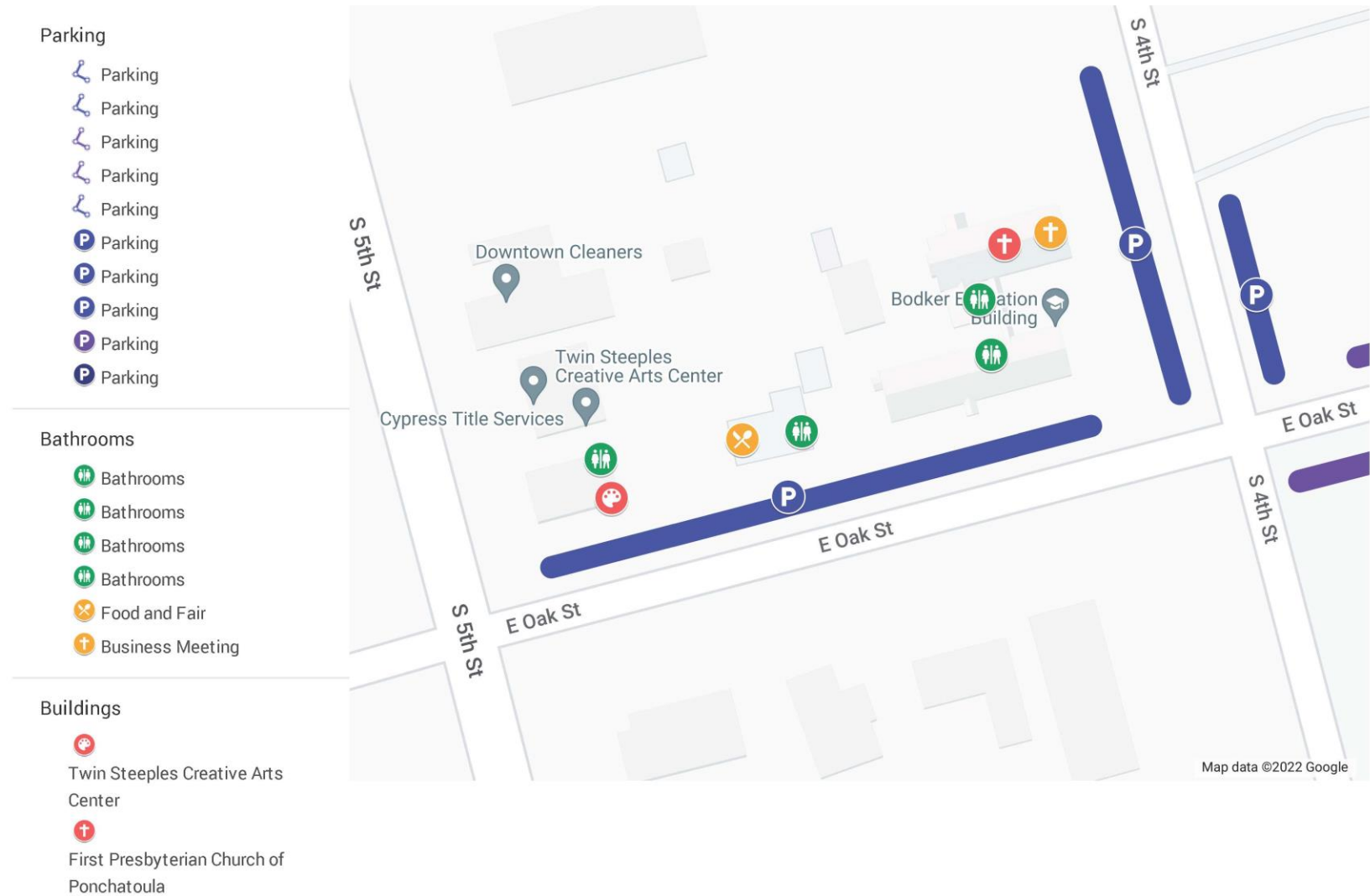
Driving Map

From I-55 to FPC Ponchatoula

1. Take exit 26 for LA-22 toward Springfield/Ponchatoula.
2. Merge onto LA-22 East.
3. Turn Right on South 4th St.
4. Destination will be on your right.
 - a. Parking is available in front of and beside the building
 - b. Additional parking is available along East Oak St. In front of the Junior High School.



First Presbyterian / Twin Steeples Parking



SOME HOTELS IN THE PONCHATOULA AREA:

- Courtyard By Marriot, Hammond ~\$144/night
 - 3-star hotel
 - 1605 S Magnolia St, Hammond, LA 70403
 - (985) 956-7730
- Quality Inn, Hammond ~\$80/night
 - 2-star hotel
 - 2001 SW Railroad Ave, Hammond, LA 70403
 - (985) 345-1900
- Holiday Inn, Hammond ~\$168/night
 - 3-star hotel
 - 1819 SW Railroad Ave, Hammond, LA 70403
 - (985) 662-3877

Meeting Information Presbytery of South Louisiana
Saturday, November 12, 2022

This packet contains the preliminary information for the 152nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of South Louisiana as we seek to discern and do the will of God for God's church in South Louisiana. The meeting will be held at **First Presbyterian Church in Ponchatoula (197 S 4th Street, Ponchatoula, LA)**. The full packet will be posted on October 28, 2022. Any reports not received by that time will be considered as new business.

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday in the Twin Steeples space. Registration lists will be moved to the Clerk's desk after lunch. Late comers must register there, and those desiring to leave early should present a written request for excuse to the Clerk.

Display Space may be secured by calling **First Presbyterian Church, phone: 985-386-8422**.

Voting Members of Presbytery: The membership of the Presbytery consists of those Teaching Elders called through the Presbytery and those Ruling Elders commissioned by the Sessions of its constituent churches. In addition, Elders who are elected officers or professional staff of Presbytery, or chairpersons of Presbytery committees, or Commissioned Lay Pastors, or the Recording Clerk, or the Parliamentarian, or the Moderator of Presbyterian Women shall be a member of Presbytery with voice and vote. Certified Christian Educators may be given vote in Presbytery meetings, during the time of their service.

Those Who May Be Given Permission To Speak At Presbytery: Elected officers or professional staff of Presbytery, or chairpersons of Presbytery committees, or the Moderator of Presbyterian Women, who are not Elders, or past Moderators of the Presbytery of South Louisiana and Certified Christian Educators shall have the privilege of the floor at meetings of Presbytery. Official representatives of other presbyteries or higher governing bodies who are present, Christian Educators who are not certified, and any Minister of another presbytery who is serving in the Presbytery of South Louisiana as a stated supply or interim pastor of any of our congregations, plus any other Minister of the Word and Sacrament who is seated as a corresponding member may be given permission to speak. (Permission may be requested by a commissioner to Presbytery.) This group may not make a motion or vote, but may enter into debate.

Those Expected To Attend Presbytery are Elders elected by their Session and Minister members. Honorably retired teaching elders who are not serving a congregation, teaching elders who are infirm, military chaplains on assignment outside the bounds of Presbytery, minister members who have been approved to do study outside of bounds, and teaching elders who have approval to labor outside of bounds, shall all be excused from meetings of Presbytery. However, all other active members of Presbytery who are in good health shall be expected to attend meetings of Presbytery and participate in all other ways as active members.

If You Must Leave Before The Meeting Ends: Any Minister or Elder who must retire from the meeting prior to the stated time for adjournment should present a request for excuse in writing to the Clerk in order to be excused.

Lunch and Refreshments: Saturday only: \$10 per person charge for continental breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Child Care: Child care will be provided at the Presbytery meeting. You may call **First Presbyterian Church** at (985)-386-8422 to reserve space for your child/children at this meeting.

Invitation: PSL Service Day Friday, November 11, 2022



Please join us as we gather together in a day of service and connection ahead of our Presbytery meeting time!

We will be joining in some light maintenance and painting projects to help First, Ponchatoula's long time ministry partner, Westminster Place Apartments. Afterwards, we will enjoy a meal together, and enjoy the wonderful new Twin Steeples art space that the church has been instrumental in launching. It will be a great time to service, connect, and enjoy our time together~

Tentative schedule for Friday, Nov 11:

- Gathering at 10am :Morning service day @ Westminster Place Apartments:
(250 S 1st St #45, Ponchatoula, LA 70454)
- Lunch - 12:30pm (provided)
- Afternoon service - 2-5pm: @ Westminster Place
- Dinner together at 6pm (Location - TBD)
- Evening music and Fellowship 7:30 - 9ish @ Twin Steeples Creative Arts Center.
(220 E. Oak. St., Ponchatoula, LA 70454)

Please register by November 3rd at the link below so that our hosts can plan for the work to be done, and the lunch meals to be prepared:

<https://forms.gle/FtdPBi8cwMmoap7k9>

For More information about Twin Steeples visit:

<https://twinsteeples.org>

For more information about Westminster Place visit:

<https://www.nationalchurchresidences.org/communities/westminster-place>

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
Meetings of the Presbytery of South Louisiana

1. Any main motion introduced on the floor should be written legibly and given to the Stated Clerk.
2. Microphones are placed on the floor for commissioners to use. Find your nearest mike and go to it promptly whenever you wish to address the Presbytery.
3. The proper procedure is to say, "Mr. Moderator," or "Madame Moderator," and wait for the Moderator to recognize you before speaking.
4. The person making the motion is entitled to speak first in debate, after the motion has been seconded and has been stated by the Moderator, providing the motion is debatable.
5. The newest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is the parliamentary authority.
6. At times the Moderator may rule on a matter without taking a vote. If there is no objection, it will be considered unanimous (or general) consent. If there is an objection, it should be made known immediately. If even one objects, a vote must be taken.
7. If you want to make or change a motion or policy and do not know the correct procedure:
 - 1) Get recognized by the Moderator;
 - 2) Say what you want to do;
 - 3) Ask the Moderator how to do it.

The Moderator is there to help Presbytery accomplish what it wishes to accomplish.

TIPS ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

TO DO THIS:	SAY THIS:	VOTE REQUIRED TO PASS:
Make a main motion.	"I move that..." or "I move to..."	Majority.
Modify or change a motion.	"I move to amend by..."	Majority.
Postpone consideration to another time.	"I move to postpone until..."	Majority; or 2/3 if made a Special Order.
End debate and bring to a vote.	"I move the previous question" or "I move the previous question on all pending questions."	2/3. Must be rising vote.
Refer to committee.	"I move that this matter be referred to..."	Majority.
Object to procedures.	"Point of order."	Usually the Moderator decides.
Challenge ruling of the Moderator.	"I appeal the Moderator's decision."	Majority or tie vote sustains the Moderator.
Retake the vote by rising.	"I call for a division" or simply "Division."	This demand requires a rising vote.

(The Moderator does not have to have the vote counted. If the vote is not counted and you desire that it be counted, you may move the incidental motion — "I move that the vote be counted.")

MOTION PRESENTATION BLANK

ALL MOTIONS MUST BE PRESENTED IN WRITING

To assist in presenting motions, use this form. Write out your motion and be prepared to hand it promptly to the Clerk or the Moderator.

I MOVE:

Action
Amended
Tabled
Approved
Not Approved
Withdrawn
Referred to:

Maker of Motion	
Seconded	

REQUEST FOR EXCUSE

Requests for Excuse should be received by the Stated Clerk at barry@pbysouthla.org prior to the opening of the meeting. If you leave early, please email or use the following form.

Name: _____ **Church:** _____

City/Town: _____

Please excuse me for:

Afternoon Session		For the following Hours	to
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I need to be excused because: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Report of the 2022 Bills and Overtures Committee for Presbytery of South Louisiana

Members: RE Aaron Ochart (Moderator), TE Henrietta Harris, RE Zach Sasser, RE Barry Chance (Ex-Officio), RE Don Frampton (Ex-Officio).

Grace to you and peace from our Lord, Jesus Christ. It was my honor to serve as a commissioner to the 225th General Assembly, and it continues to be my honor to serve as the moderator of the Bills and Overtures Committee as we consider the many proposed amendments to the Book of Order. The Council of the Presbytery of South Louisiana have wisely decided that the amendments should be undertaken over two Presbytery meetings, November and February. The Bills and Overtures Committee, in consultation with the Moderator and Stated Clerk have divided the amendments in a way that we believe will be most productive. In addition, we have also selected several amendments to be placed on the Consent Agenda of the November Presbytery meeting. This is in no way meant to diminish these proposed amendments, but to give more time for discussion of other amendments. This report is meant to be a supplement to the *Proposed Amendments from the 225th GA 2022* and a way to help focus your preparation as a commissioner to the November and February Stated Presbytery Meetings of the Presbytery of South Louisiana. All are unanimously recommended for your approval by the Bills and Overtures Committee.

As an additional help in your preparation, The Bills and Overtures Committee have scheduled two informational Zoom calls:

- 6pm on October 25th, specifically on the matter of boundaries training.
 - Topic: Bills and Overtures Informational Meeting
 - Oct 25, 2022 06:00 PM Central Time
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81632288309?pwd=RitaQTEvMmF1QThzOWgzQVV0VFJwQT09>
 - Meeting ID: 816 3228 8309
 - Passcode: 457585
- 6pm on January 31st, specifically on the proposed Book of Church Discipline and the matter of paid family leave in Terms of Call.
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These informational meetings will be recorded for later viewing. There is also an Appendix in this document with links and timestamps for the discussions on these items in their General Assembly Committees and Plenary.

Division of Proposed Amendments

November Presbytery Meeting			
Amen dment	Page Physic al/pdf	Section to be Amended	Brief
22-D	9/11	G-1.0503 Business Proper to a Congregational Meeting	Adding receiving a disciplinary decision against member of the congregation (new Rules of Church Discipline 22-GG)
22-E	11/13	G-2.0503 Categories of Membership	Honorably Retired' to 'Retired'
22-G	15/17	G-2.0603 Purpose of Inquiry	Boundary training for inquirers/candidates
22-H	17/19	G-2.0605 Oversight	Session shall report any matters of sexual misconduct to the Presbytery for candidates/inquirers
22-K	24/26	G-2-2.1002 Training, Examining, and Commissioning	CREs need to go through boundary training
22-L	26/28	G-2.1103 Christian Educators	CCEs and CACEs need to go through boundary training
22-O	33/35	G-30106 Administration of Mission	Each council's policy shall include boundary training
22-P	34/36	G-3.0106 Administration of Mission	All councils shall adopt and implement a sexual misconduct, harassment, child and youth protection policy, and antiracism policy

February Presbytery Meeting			
Amen dment	Page Physic al/pdf	Section to be Amended	Brief
22-F	13/15	G-2.0505a(1) Transfer of Ministers on Other Denominations	providing educational opportunities to ministers from other denominations (esp. in immigrant fellowships and congregations)
22-I	19/21	G-2.0804 Terms of Call	Minimum of 12 weeks paid family leave on all terms of call.
22-J	22/24	G-2.1001 Functions	Allowing for CREs to serve more than one ministry
22-Q	36/38	G-3.0303 Relations with Sessions	Presbytery should set severance policy as well as minimum compensation both for temporary and called and installed ministers
22-CC	55/57	D-3.0106 When Jurisdiction	Allowing for judicial process to continue after

		Ends (Current)	renunciation of jurisdiction.
22-DD	58/60	D-10.0302 If Charges are to be Filed (Current)	changes 'that person' to 'they'
22-EE	60/62	D-10.0303 Petition for Review (current)	If not charges are filed, both the accuser and accused are notified in writing
22-FF	62/64	Amending "the Accused" in current ROD	all other section referring to "the accused" to be modified to read "the person accused"
22-GG	64/66	Replacing the current "Rules of Discipline" with new "Church Discipline" section	New Book of Church Discipline

Consent Agenda Items			
Amen dment	Page Physic al/pdf	Section to be Amended	Brief
22-A*	3/5	F-1.0302c The Catholicity of the Church	more gender and ability inclusive language
22-B*	5/7	F-1.0404 Openness to the Guidance of the HS	more gender inclusive language
22-C*	7/9	G-10501 Meetings	Allow for Electronic Congregational Meetings
22-M*	29/31	G-3.104 Officers	Councils can adopt procedures for electronic meetings
22-N*	31/33	G-3.0105 Meetings	councils, commissions, and committees may meet electronically and hybrid
22-R*	38/40	G-3.0401 Composition and Responsibilities	Presbyteries can elect representatives to Synod, meant to promote higher involvement and greater diversity.
22-S*	40/42	G-4.0301 Trust and Confidentiality	Confidentiality for ministers and CREs
22-T*	42/44	W-3.0305 Confession and Forgiveness	Baptism could happen after confession
22-U*	43/45	W-3.0409 Theology of the Lord's Supper	gracious hospitality at the Lord's Supper and pastoral discretion at invitation
22-V*	44/46	W-3.0414 Communion	more flexibility in prayer after communion
22-W*	45/47	W-4.0403 Order of Worship	Adds signs and symbols for newly installed minister (Note, had originally eliminated once only hand laying)
22-X*	47/49	W-5.0104 Household Worship	Encourages household worship, noting that it is an important part of Reformed Tradition
22-Y*	48/50	W-5.0104 Household Worship	More info on household worship noting roots in Jewish and early Christian practice

22-Z*	49/51	W-5.0201 The Church's Mission within the Community of Faith	Adding discipleship
22-AA*	51/53	W-5.0204 Pastoral Care	using 'particular specialized pastoral care ministries' rather than listing specifics.
22-BB*	53/55	W-5.0204 Pastoral Care	refining of section on Service of Wholeness and Healing

If an item is removed from the Consent Agenda, it will be added to the agenda for discussion in the November meeting.

Appendix

As you may know, the General Assembly Plenary has been livestreamed and recorded for later review for the last several years. This year, Committee proceedings were also livestreamed and recorded. This gives you access to the Overture Advocates' presentations, commissioner's questions, and each councils' deliberation and action. If you would like more information about any of the proposed amendments, this is a wealth of knowledge.

22-A	https://ga-pcusa.org/video/committee-collection/#pol Video 1 at 2:05	https://ga-pcusa.org/video/ Plenary 4,5,6 at 4:59
22-B	https://ga-pcusa.org/video/committee-collection/#pol Video 1 at 2:05	https://ga-pcusa.org/video/ Plenary 4,5,6 at 4:59
22-C	https://vimeo.com/718921701?embedded=true&source=video_title&owner=109563605 Part 1 at 0:30	
22-D	https://vimeo.com/718921701 at 00:30:00	https://vimeo.com/727625017 at 00:54:20
22-E	Video 2 https://vimeo.com/722556075 at 0:27:20	https://ga-pcusa.org/video/ Plenary 4,5,6 at 9:06
22-F	https://vimeo.com/722700419 Starting at 03:41:15	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623?h=cb4847879f starting at 07:03:32
22-G	Presentation from the Survivors of Sexual Misconduct Task Force https://vimeo.com/723869907 starting at 00:03:30. Discussion on this item specifically at 01:53:45 continuing into Part 2 https://vimeo.com/724030772	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727944389 at 01:25:14
22-H	Presentation from the Survivors of Sexual Misconduct Task Force https://vimeo.com/723869907 starting at 00:03:30. Discussion on this item specifically at 00:31:25	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727944389 at 02:00:45

22-I	https://vimeo.com/723517926 (Note, there is a presentation from the BOP and on Family leave before the direct debate on HSB 06)	https://ga-pcusa.org/video/ "Plenary 12, 13, & 14 July 8, 2022" at 1:00:00
22-J	https://vimeo.com/721981054 at 01:36:36	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623 at 03:12:28
22-K	Presentation from the Survivors of Sexual Misconduct Task Force https://vimeo.com/723869907 starting at 00:03:30. Discussion on this item specifically in https://vimeo.com/724030772 starting at 00:13:40	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727944389 at 1:46:50
22-L	Presentation from the Survivors of Sexual Misconduct Task Force https://vimeo.com/723869907 starting at 00:03:30. Specific Discussion on this item in https://vimeo.com/724030772 starting at 00:28:05	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727944389 at 1:52:30
22-M	https://vimeo.com/721981054 Starting at 00:53:30	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623 Starting at 03:54:05
22-N	https://vimeo.com/718921701 at 00:30:00	https://vimeo.com/727625017 at 00:54:20
22-O	Presentation from the Survivors of Sexual Misconduct Task Force https://vimeo.com/723869907 starting at 00:03:30. Specific Discussion on this item in https://vimeo.com/724030772 starting at 00:28:05	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727944389 Starting at 2:18:20
22-P	https://vimeo.com/722700419 beginning of video	https://player.vimeo.com/video/721738466?h=0715cfe8b6 at 6:54
22-Q	https://vimeo.com/722325921 Original Conversation 1:05:00; Reconsider the Vote at 05:16:00	https://player.vimeo.com/video/721738466?h=0715cfe8b6 at 00:58:23
22-R	https://vimeo.com/722325921 at 00:24:21	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623 at 03:35:34
22-S	https://vimeo.com/722262353 at 00:12:42	https://vimeo.com/727625017 at 01:14:21 and continuing at 02:58:38 (after meal break)
22-T	https://vimeo.com/722698120 Presentation Starting at 00:49:52, This specific action at 01:12:45	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623?h=cb4847879f Starting at 00:53:45
22-U	https://vimeo.com/722698120 Presentation Starting at 00:49:52, This specific action at 01:19:25	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623?h=cb4847879f Starting at 00:53:45
22-V	https://vimeo.com/722698120 Presentation	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623?h

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22-W	https://vimeo.com/723008927 Starting at 00:13:15	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623?h=cb4847879f Starting at 01:04:46
22-X	https://vimeo.com/722698120 Presentation Starting at 00:49:52, This specific action at 01:57:19	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623?h=cb4847879f Starting at 00:53:45
22-Y	https://vimeo.com/722698120 Presentation Starting at 00:49:52, This specific action at 02:07:40	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623?h=cb4847879f Starting at 00:53:45
22-Z	https://vimeo.com/722698120 Presentation Starting at 00:49:52, This specific action at 02:40:50	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623?h=cb4847879f Starting at 00:53:45
22-AA	https://vimeo.com/722698120 Presentation Starting at 00:49:52, This specific action at 02:22:40	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623?h=cb4847879f Starting at 00:53:45
22-BB	https://vimeo.com/722698120 Presentation Starting at 00:49:52, This specific action at 02:32:40	https://player.vimeo.com/video/727084623?h=cb4847879f Starting at 00:53:45
22-CC	https://vimeo.com/718921701 starting at 00:52:33 and continuing at https://vimeo.com/72262353 at 00:03:00	https://vimeo.com/727625017 Starting at 01:00:20
22-DD	https://vimeo.com/722300562 Main Conversation starting at 00:18:24 (there was only a small amendment, not much discussion)	https://vimeo.com/727625017 Starting at 03:27:00
22-EE	https://vimeo.com/722300562 Main Conversation starting at 00:18:24 (there was only a small amendment, not much discussion)	https://vimeo.com/727625017 Starting at 03:27:00
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22-GG	https://vimeo.com/722544884 Starting at 00:19:40	https://vimeo.com/727625017 Starting at 03:33:40