

REFERENCES TO THE *MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD*

Amendments to sections of the *Book of Church Order* are referenced as follows: (P - *MGS 1992*, R-1, p. 101; A - *MGS 1993*, R-2, p. 39)

The P indicates that an amendment in Chapter 1 or 2 of the *Book of Church Order* was adopted by the General Synod for recommendation to the classes for approval or an amendment in Chapter 3 was approved by the General Synod in first reading for recommendation to the General Synod the following year for a second reading. The “MGS 1992, R-1, p. 101” indicates the adopted amendment is recorded in the *1992 Minutes of General Synod (MGS)*, Recommendation 1 (R-1), page 101.

Upon approval by two-thirds of the classes (for Chapters 1 and 2) or approval by the General Synod in second reading (for Chapter 3), the A indicates that the General Synod the following year adopted a final declarative action to incorporate the amendment into the *Book of Church Order*. The “MGS 1993, R-2, p. 39” indicates the declarative action is recorded in the *1993 Minutes of General Synod (MGS)*, Recommendation 2 (R-2), page. 39.

References for the Preamble section of the *Book of Church Order* are located immediately below the paragraph amended. References for Chapters 1-3 of the *Book of Church Order* are located after the Appendix. References are abbreviated as follows: 1/I/3/2 (Chapter 1, Part I, Article 3, Section 2).

References are not numbered and the section amended does not indicate the specific addition(s) or deletion(s). Consult the *Minutes of the General Synod* for the year the amendment was adopted (P) to determine what was specifically amended (added or deleted) in the section footnoted.

“Global Amendments”

The following amendments relate to “global amendments” throughout the *Book of Church Order*. Rather than cite each article and section of the *Book of Church Order* that was amended with the same amendment of wording, the following primary action of the General Synod is noted:

Revision of various words, phrases, miscellaneous additions and deletions:
(P - *MGS 1971*, R-4, pp. 204-08)

Revisions to eliminate exclusive use of the masculine gender:
(P - *MGS 1983*, R-9, p. 212; A - *MGS 1984*, R-4, p. 40)

Revisions of membership categories and definitions:
(P - *MGS 1990*, R-3, p. 230; A - *MGS 1991*, R-6, pp. 48-9)
(P - *MGS 1995*, R-8, p. 226; A - *MGS 1996*, R-5, p. 64)

Substitute the word “regional” for the word “particular” for each reference to “particular” synod:
(P - *MGS 1991*, R-16, p. 238; A - *MGS 1992*, R-4, p. 39)
(P - *MGS 1991*, R-17, p. 239; A - *MGS 1992*, R-5, p. 40)

Change designation of “minister of the Word” to “minister of Word and sacrament”:
(P - *MGS 1992*, R-1, pp. 268-276; A - *MGS 1993*, R-5, p. 55)

Substitute the name “Ministerial Formation Coordinating Agency” for the name “Theological Education Agency”:
(P - *MGS 1998*, R-12, pp. 368-374; A - *MGS 1999*, R-53, pp. 229)

Substitute the name “Ministerial Formation Certification Agency” for the name “Ministerial Formation Coordinating Agency”
(*MGS 2007*, R-58 , p. 218)

DELETIONS

Several sections of the *Book of Church Order* have been deleted. Deleted sections are as follows:

Elimination of Committee on Necrology:

(P - *MGS 1974*, R-3, pp. 200, 267; A - *MGS 1975*, R-5, p. 103)

Exercising Christian Discipline:

(P - *MGS 1979*, R-2, p. 174; A - *MGS 1980*, R-5, p. 40)

Corresponding Delegates:

(P - *MGS 1979*, R-3, pp. 174-75; A - *MGS 1980*, R-5, p. 40)

(P - *MGS 1992*, R-6, p. 57; A - *MGS 1993*, R-5, p. 57)

Corresponding Delegate for Emerging Synod of Canada:

(P - *MGS 1993*, R-9, p. 251; A - *MGS 1994*, R-5, p. 52 and R-1, p. 400)

Responsibilities on the Commission on Church Order:

(P - *MGS 1981*, R-4, p. 197; A - *MGS 1982*, R-4, p. 41)

Deletion of Editorial Committee:

(P - *MGS 1982* R-2, pp. 183-84; A - *MGS 1983*, R-6, p. 42)

Deletion of Constitutional Inquiry Question:

(P - *MGS 1989*, R-4, p. 195; A - *MGS 1990*, R-6, p. 41)

Minister Emeritus Status:

(P - *MGS 1991*, R-11, p. 233; A - *MGS 1992*, R-4, p. 39)

Particular Synod Representation at the General Synod:

(P - *MGS 1983*, R-3, p. 154; A - *MGS 1984*, R-4, p. 40)

Disbanding of Commission on Evangelization and Church Growth:

(P - *MGS 1985*, R-15, p. 185; A - *MGS 1986*, R-7, p. 40)

(P - *MGS 1980*, R-6, p. 259; A - *MGS 1981*, R-5, p. 43)

(P - *MGS 1981*, R-5, pp. 45, 215; A - *MGS 1982*, R-5, p. 41)

(P - *MGS 1982*, R-7, pp. 174-76; A - *MGS 1983*, R-6, p. 42)

Dispensations for those not enrolled in a Master of Divinity Degree Program:

(P - *MGS 1998*, R-12, p. 373; A - *MGS 1999*, R-53, p. 229)

(P - *MGS 1998*, R-12, p. 373; A - *MGS 2001*, R-7, p. 58)

REWRITE

Chapter 2, "The Disciplinary and Judicial Procedures," was entirely rewritten by a Task Force to Revise Disciplinary and Judicial Procedures (*MGS 1997*, pp. 242-61).

(P - *MGS 1997*, R-5, pp. 245-61; A - *MGS 1998*, R-5 , p. 70)