

Resolution 28

CREDENTIAL STATUS CHANGE

WHEREAS, There are occasions when ministers lapse or resign their credentials, after which information about a prior infraction comes to light that would have warranted discipline; and

WHEREAS, There are no guidelines in the General Council Bylaws for changing a minister's status from lapsed or resigned to dismissed should such action be deemed advisable; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws Article X. DISCIPLINE, Section 9. Referral for Action to the General Council Credentials Committee, paragraph a. District recommendation, page 129, be amended by the addition of a new paragraph (3) to read as follows:

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

Sponsor: General Presbytery

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