

## TWELVE THINGS (SOME) PEOPLE THINK SHOULD/SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CHANGED

- 1) All property held in trust. No change.
- 2) Language regarding presenting new members to the congregation is gone. Not clear if this action is inferred or simply deleted. Local option whether to do anything.
- 3) Number of people on an Administrative Commission is now flexible.
- 4) You have to be baptized to receive communion.
- 5) There is no longer category of “Designated Pastor”—though the equivalent can be found at G-2.0504.
- 6) The process for “Renunciation of Jurisdiction” now takes 5 long paragraphs instead of 3 short ones. Go figure.
- 7) Terms of Call must be reviewed annually, not required to be annually approved.
- 8) “**Provide by rule**”. There are multiple sections that were formerly spelled out as mandatory behavior.
- 9) No accreditations policy for CCE’s in new FofG. But CCE’s have voice and vote.
- 10) Presbytery may still unilaterally dissolve a pastoral relationship when “the church’s mission under the Word imperatively demands it”.
- 11) Presbyteries must still pay per capita; clarifies that sessions do not have to pay per capita.
- 12) Chapters 16 (Union Churches—and unifying document of merging denominations) and Union Governing Bodies are gutted.
- 13) “Commissioned Lay Pastors” are now “Commissioned Ruling Elder in Particular Pastoral Service”. Oh well, so much for simplification.