

10.00 Permanent Judicial Commission

10.10 Membership

Membership of the Permanent Judicial Commission shall be seven members, teaching elders and ruling elders in as nearly equal numbers as possible, for six-year terms in three classes, in accord with the requirements of *Book of Order*, D-5.0000.

10.11 Responsibilities

The Permanent Judicial Commission shall have responsibilities detailed in the *Rules of Discipline* of the *Book of Order* and shall conduct its business in strict accord with the requirements of the *Rules of Discipline*.

10.12 Initiation of Preliminary Procedures in Judicial Process

- a. When the Stated Clerk receives notification that the Presbytery is a respondent in a remedial case, as soon as possible the Stated Clerk shall notify the Moderator of Presbytery, who promptly shall appoint a committee of counsel of three persons provided for in Section D-6.0300 of the *Book of Order*. These actions shall be reported to Presbytery at its next stated meeting.
- b. When the Stated Clerk receives an accusation filed according to section D-10.0100 of the *Book of Order*, as soon as possible the Stated Clerk shall notify the Moderator of Presbytery, who promptly shall appoint an investigating committee of five persons as provided in Section D-10.0201 of the *Book of Order*. These actions shall be reported to Presbytery at its next meeting.
- c. When the Stated Clerk receives a request for an inquiry for vindication under Section D-9.0000 of the *Book of Order*, the Commission on Ministry shall function as Presbytery's "appropriate committee" to ascertain whether it is proper to grant the request (D-9.0101a).