### Procedural Checklist for PCA BCO Rules of Discipline

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(This information to be used in connection with the SJC Manual)

Prior to First Meeting of Court

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| **Line Nbr** | **Date or N/A** | **Initials** | **Item** | ***BCO* #** |
| 1. |  |  | Process entered before Session of church to which alleged offender belongs (unless offender is a minister, or process is an appeal) | 33-1 |
| 2. |  |  | Injured party has tried means of **reconciliation** | 31-5 |
| 3. |  |  | **Instruction** has been given to offender | 31-5,7 |
| 4. |  |  | Consider **character** of person bringing accusations | 31-8 |
| 5. |  |  | Give warning to voluntary prosecutor regarding slander | 31-9 |
| 6. |  |  | Suspend official functions of church court members while under process (at discretion of court) | 31-10 |
| 7. |  |  | There is no statute of limitations to begin process, however; depending on the subject of the case, it can be considered whether passage of time will make fair adjudication unachievable. | 32-20 |
|  |  |  | Cases without process: |  |
| 8. |  |  | If any person comes forward and makes his offense known to the court, a full statement of the facts shall be recorded and judgment rendered without process. | 38-1 |
| 9. |  |  | If a minister believes God has not called him to the ministry, see *BCO* 38-2 and 46-8 | 38-2; 46-8 |
| 10. |  |  | 1. If a member or officer joins another evangelical church, see *BCO* 38-3a 2. If a member or officer joins another body judged as failing to maintain the Word and Sacraments, see *BCO*  38-3b. 3. If a member or officer willfully neglects the church for a period of one year, or makes known no intention of fulfilling church vows, see *BCO* 38-4. | 38-3a  38-3b  38-4 |

First Meeting of Court

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| 1. |  |  | Gal 6:1 reiterated | 32-1 |
| 2. |  |  | Charge made out | 32-2 |
| 3. |  |  | Charge reduced to writing | 32-3 |
| 4. |  |  | **Prosecutor** appointed by court | 31-2; 32-3.1 |
| 5. |  |  | **Indictment** prepared | 31-2,4;32-3.2 |
| 6. |  |  | Times, places, circumstances particularly stated | 32-5 |
| 7. |  |  | All parties and witnesses **cited** to appear and be heard at another meeting | 32-3.3 |
| 8. |  |  | Attention called to Rules of Discipline (*BCO* 27-46) | 32-3 |
| 9. |  |  | At least 10 days elapse between citation and next meeting | 32-3.3; 32-7 |
| 10. |  |  | Citation issued and signed by moderator or clerk by order and in name of the court. | 32-4 |

Second Meeting of Court

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| **Line Nbr** | **Date or N/A** | **Initials** | **Item** | ***BCO* #** |
| 1. |  |  | **Charges read** to the accused | 32-3 |
| 2. |  |  | Counsel assigned to accused if necessarily absent | 32-3 |
| 3. |  |  | **Accused responds** with "guilty" or "not guilty" | 32-3 |
| 4. |  |  | If "guilty" then court may deal with discretion | 32-3 |
| 5. |  |  | If "not guilty" then trial date shall be scheduled no sooner than 14 days after citation | 32-3 |
| 6. |  |  | **If** **accused refuses** to obey citation, cite a second time | 32-6a |
| 7. |  |  | Refusal to plead or cooperate will be dealt with for contumacy | 32-6b |
| 8. |  |  | **When** **accused found contumacious** | 33-2 |
| 9. |  |  | Accused immediately suspended from the sacraments for contumacy (and if officer from office) | 33-2 |
| 10. |  |  | Censure made public if Session deems expedient | 33-2 |
| 11. |  |  | **If** charge is of **gross crime or heresy**, court may proceed to inflict highest censure | 33-3 |
| 12. |  |  | **If** impracticable immediately to commence process, Session may **fence the Table** from the accused  until examination. | 33-4 |
| 13. |  |  | **If** offense took place at a **distance** |  |
| 14. |  |  | Court may appoint a commission of its body, request coordinate court where facts occurred to take testimony, or have the testimony taken by videoconference. | 32-8 |
| 15. |  |  | If offense not likely to become known to court of jurisdiction, Court of location sends notice to court of jurisdiction which shall proceed against accused; or whole case may be remitted to court of location. | 32-9 |

The Trial

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| **Line Nbr** | **Date or N/A** | **Initial** | **Item** | ***BCO* #** |
|  |  |  | Prior to trial: |  |
| 1. |  |  | Court ascertains that citations duly served | 32-10 |
| 2. |  |  | Judicial Committee appointed if expedient | 32-11 |
| 3. |  |  | Challenge for cause by either party on the right of any member to sit in trial. Other members of court decide the question | 32-16 |
| 4. |  |  | Disqualification of any member considered | 32-17 |
|  |  |  | In trial: |  |
| 5. |  |  | 1. Moderator **charges** the court | 32-12, 32.15.1 |
| 6. |  |  | 2. **Indictment** read, **Answer** of accused heard | 32-15.2 |
| 7. |  |  | 3. **Witnesses examined** in presence of the accused | 32-13 |
|  |  |  | Witnesses for Prosecutor | 32-15.3 |
| 8. |  |  | Oath of 35-6 administered by Moderator | 35-6 |
| 9. |  |  | Witnesses examined by Prosecutor party | 35-5 |
| **Line Nbr** | **Date or N/A** | **Initials** | **Item** | ***BCO* #** |
| 10. |  |  | Witnesses cross-examined by Accused party | 35-5 |
| 11. |  |  | Additional interrogatories by parties or court members | 35-5 |
| 12. |  |  | More than one witness necessary to establish charge, unless corroborative evidence is produced in addition to one witness. | 35-3 |
|  |  |  | Witnesses for Accused | 32-15.3 |
| 13. |  |  | Oath of 35-6 administered by Moderator | 35-6 |
| 14. |  |  | Witnesses examined by Accused party | 35-5 |
| 15. |  |  | Witnesses cross-examined by Prosecutor party | 35-5 |
| 16. |  |  | Additional interrogatories by parties or court members | 35-5 |
|  |  |  | Pertaining to All Witnesses |  |
| 17. |  |  | Witnesses are of proper age and intelligence, and believe in the existence of God, or a future state of rewards and punishments. | 35-1 |
| 18. |  |  | Either party has the right to challenge a witness whom he believes to be incompetent; to be decided by court. | 35-1 |
| 19. |  |  | Husband or wife not compelled to bear testimony against one another | 35-2 |
| 20. |  |  | No witness afterwards to be examined, unless a member of the court, shall be present during the examination of another witness on the same case, if either party object. | 35-4 |
| 21. |  |  | Permission granted by Moderator for all questions before being put or answered, subject to appeal to the court. | 35-5 |
| 22. |  |  | All testimony shall be recorded (transcription, audiotape, videotape, or some other electronic means) and witnesses informed of such prior to testifying. (See also *BCO* 32-18) | 35-7 |
| 23. |  |  | Testimony may be taken by commission, coordinate court or video conference if necessary due to distance, per *BCO* 32-8 & 35-10. | 35-10 |
| 24. |  |  | Professional counsel prohibited to appear | 32-19 |
| 25. |  |  | 4. **Parties heard** | 32-15.4 |
| 26. |  |  | Prosecutor first |  |
| 27. |  |  | Accused next (not compelled to testify, 35-1) |  |
| 28. |  |  | Prosecutor closes |  |
| 29. |  |  | 5. **Roll** is called—members may express opinion in the case | 32-15.5 |
| 30. |  |  | 6. **Vote** is taken | 32-15.6 |
| 31. |  |  | Verdict announced |  |
| 32. |  |  | Judgment entered on records |  |
| 33. |  |  | Minutes of trial kept by clerk | 32-18;35-7 |
| 34. |  |  | Record of the Case assembled by clerk | 32-18 |

If Accused is a Minister

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| **Line Nbr** | **Date or N/A** | **Initials** | **Item** | | ***BCO* #** |
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| 1. |  |  | | Scandalous charges not received on slight grounds. | 34-2 |
| 2. |  |  | | Minister warned in private if guilty of private offense | 34-3 |
| 3. |  |  | | When accused found to be contumacious: | 32-6 |
| 4. |  |  | | Immediately suspended from sacraments and office | 34-4a |
| 5. |  |  | | Record made of fact and of charges | 34-4a |
| 6. |  |  | | Censure made public | 34-4a |
| 7. |  |  | | If accused persists in contumacy, he shall be deposed and excommunicated | 34-4b |
| 8. |  |  | | Errors carefully considered for heresy and schism | 34-5 |
| 9. |  |  | | Measures taken to remove scandal if appropriate | 34-6 |
| 10. |  |  | | Definite suspension or deposition imposed if minister makes confession pending trial | 34-7 |
| 11. |  |  | | Pastoral relation dissolved in case of deposition | 34-9 |
| 12. |  |  | | Assessment of dissolution in case of suspension from office | 34-9 |
| 13. |  |  | | For failure to discharge official functions, see 34-10 | 34-10 |

Infliction of Church Censures

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| **Line Nbr** | **Date or N/A** | **Initials** | **Item** | | ***BCO* #** | |
| 1. |  |  | Court proceeds with tenderness (Gal 6:1) | | 36-1 | |
| 2. |  |  | Censure of Admonition | | 36-3 | |
| 3. |  |  | Administered in private if offense is private | |  | |
| 4. |  |  | Administered in presence of court if offense is public | |  | |
| 5. |  |  | Announced in public if court deems expedient | |  | |
| 6. |  |  | Definite Suspension from Office [see also *BCO* 33-2; 34-4(a)] | | 36-4 | |
| 7. |  |  | Administered in presence of court alone or in open session of court, as court deems best | |  | |
| 8. |  |  | Public announcement made at court's discretion | |  | |
| 9. |  |  | Indefinite Suspension from Office or Sacraments.  [see also *BCO* 33-2; 34-4 (a); 30-1; 30-3] | | 36-5 | |
| 10. |  |  | Administered in presence of court alone or in open session of court, as court deems best | |  | |
| 11. |  |  | Public announcement made at court's discretion | |  | |
| 12. |  |  | Administered with added solemnity | |  | |
| 13. |  |  | Administered under blessing of God for repentance | |  | |
| 14. |  |  | Address offending brother per *BCO* 36-5 | |  | |
| 15. |  |  | Excommunication [see also *BCO* 33-3; 34-4(b)] | | 36-6 | |
| 16. |  |  | If accused persists in contumacy, shall be excommunicated | | 33-3 | |
| 17. |  |  | Administered in presence of court alone or in open session of court, as court deems best | |  | |
| 18. |  |  | Public announcement made at court's discretion | |  | |
| 19. |  |  | Moderator reiterates steps of discipline taken | |  | |
| 20. |  |  | Explain authority of Church to excommunicate from Matt 18:15-18, and 1Cor 5:1-5 | |  | |
| 21. |  |  | Administer censure in words of *BCO* 36-6 | |  | |
| **Line Nbr** | **Date or N/A** | **Initials** | **Item** | ***BCO* #** | |
| 22. |  |  | Deposition | 36-7 | |
| 23. |  |  | Administered by Moderator in words of *BCO* 36-7 |  | |
| 24. |  |  | If deposed without excommunication, Presbytery assigns him to membership in some particular church, subject to the approval of the Session of that church | 46-8 | |
| 25. |  |  | If includes suspension or excommunication, add appropriate words from *BCO* 36-7 | 36-7 | |

Removal of Church Censures

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| 1. |  |  | Definite Suspension from Office | 37-1 |
| 2. |  |  | Offender repents of contumacy | 33-2 |
| 3. |  |  | Gives satisfaction in relation to his charges | 34-4a |
| 4. |  |  | Declare words of *BCO* 37-1 |  |
| 5. |  |  | Indefinite Suspension from Sacraments (see *BCO* 30) | 37-2,3 |
| 6. |  |  | Rulers of church frequently converse with him and pray for God to grant repentance |  |
| 7. |  |  | Offender repents of contumacy | 33-2 |
| 8. |  |  | Gives satisfaction in relation to his charges | 34-4a |
| 9. |  |  | Court satisfied with reality of repentance | 37-3 |
| 10. |  |  | Offender admitted to profess repentance |  |
| 11. |  |  | Restoration declared by words in *BCO* 37-3 |  |
| 12. |  |  | Excommunication | 37-4 |
| 13. |  |  | Session obtained sufficient evidence of sincere repentance |  |
| 14. |  |  | Questions of *BCO* 37-4 posed to excommunicated person, with affirmative response given |  |
| 15. |  |  | Exhortation of encouragement and comfort given |  |
| 16. |  |  | Sentence of restoration pronounced (from *BCO* 37-4) |  |
| 17. |  |  | Deposition from Office | 37-5,6 |
| 18. |  |  | Public confession made |  |
| 19. |  |  | Restoration announced by words of *BCO* 37-5 |  |
| 20. |  |  | Absolved ruling elder or deacon re-elected by people before resumption of office | 37-6 |
| 21. |  |  | Restoration of Minister [see also *BCO* 34-4a] |  |
| 22. |  |  | Minister exhibits for a considerable time such an eminently exemplary, humble and edifying life and testimony as shall heal the wound made by his scandal. | 34-8 |
| 23. |  |  | General sentiment of the church is strongly in minister's favor and demands his restoration | 34-8 |
| 24. |  |  | Presbytery proceeds with great caution | 37-8 |
| 25. |  |  | Admitted to Sacraments | 37-8 |
| 26. |  |  | Granted privilege to preach on probation for a time | 37-8 |
| 27. |  |  | See *BCO* 37-9 for jurisdiction in removal of censures | 37-9 |
| 28. |  |  | Restoration pronounced | 37-8,9 |

General Review and Control

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| **Line Nbr** | **Date or N/A** | **Initials** | **Item** | ***BCO* #** |
| 1. |  |  | Areas Reviewed: | 40-2 |
| 2. |  |  | Proceedings correctly recorded | 40-2.1 |
| 3. |  |  | Proceedings regular and in accordance with Constitution | 40-2.2 |
| 4. |  |  | Proceedings wise, equitable, suited to promote welfare of Church | 40-2.3 |
| 5. |  |  | Lawful injunctions of higher court obeyed | 40-2.4 |
| 6. |  |  | Higher court records approval or disapproval, and corrections of lower court records | 40-3 |
| 7. |  |  | Requirement communicated for review and correction of serious irregularities | 40-3 |
| 8. |  |  | If appeal or complaint is in process, judicial case proceedings not dealt with under review and control | 40-3 |
| 9. |  |  | Gross negligence of lower court examined, deliberated and judged by higher court. | 40-4 |
| 10. |  |  | In case of delinquency or unconstitutional proceedings: | 40-5  (cf. *BCO)* |
| 11. |  |  | Offending court cited to appear |  |
| 12. |  |  | Offending court show what it has done or failed to do |  |
| 13. |  |  | Court issuing citation may: |  |
| 14. |  |  | Reverse or redress lower court's proceedings |  |
| 15. |  |  | Censure delinquent court |  |
| 16. |  |  | Remit whole matter with injunction to delinquent court |  |
| 17. |  |  | Stay all further proceedings in the case |  |
| 18. |  |  | Process against lower court conducted according to rules for process against individuals | 40-6 |

References

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| 1. |  |  | Reference deemed **necessary** by lower court | 41-5 |
| 2. |  |  | All testimony and other documents duly prepared | 41-6 |
| 3. |  |  | Reference presented to higher court, accompanied by necessary records | 41-4 |

Appeals

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| 1. |  |  | Appeal made only to next higher court | | 42-1 | |
| 2. |  |  | Regular trial has taken place | | 42-2 | |
| 3. |  |  | Legitimate grounds of appeal established | | 42-3 | |
| 4. |  |  | Notice of Appeal given | | 42-4 | |
| 5. |  |  | Filed by appellant with clerk of lower court and clerk of higher court, within thirty (30) days of notification of the last court’s decision. Notification of the last court’s decision shall be deemed to have occurred on the day of mailing. | |  | |
| 6. |  |  | No attempts made to circularize courts | |  | |
| 7. |  |  | Clerk of lower court file Record of the Case with clerk of higher court, not more than 30 days after receipt of notice of appeal | | 42-5 | |
| **Line Nbr** | **Date or N/A** | **Initials** | | **Item** | ***BCO* #** | |
| 8. |  |  | Record of the Case Includes: | | 42-5 | |
| 9. |  |  | Copy of all proceedings in connection with case | |  | |
| 10. |  |  | Notice of appeal and reasons therefore | |  | |
| 11. |  |  | Response of lower court | |  | |
| 12. |  |  | Evidence | |  | |
| 13. |  |  | Any papers bearing on the case  Admissibility of Audio/Video recordings | | OMSJC 7.2B3 | |
| 14. |  |  | If Record not filed, rebuke given by higher court | | 42-7 | |
| 15. |  |  | No information other than Record of the Case taken into consideration by higher court | | 42-5;32-18; but see 35-14 | |
| 16. |  |  | Judgment of lower court suspended pending higher court's decision | | 42-6 | |
| 17. |  |  | Suspension, excommunication or deposition may be put into effect for sufficient reasons until final decision | | 42-6 | |
| 18. |  |  | Higher court decision whether appeal is in order | | 42-7 | |
| 19. |  |  | Higher court hears the case | | 42-8 | |
| 20. |  |  | Record of the Case is read | |  | |
| 21. |  |  | Each side allotted not over 30 minutes for oral argument | |  | |
| 22. |  |  | Appellant given right to open and close argument | |  | |
| 23. |  |  | Suitable rebuke given by appellate court if appellant manifests litigious or unChristian spirit | | 42-12 | |
| 24. |  |  | Court or commission enters closed session | | 42-8 | |
| 25. |  |  | Court or commission discuss merits of the case | | 42-8 |
| 26. |  |  | Vote taken, without further debate, on each specification: | | 42-8 |
| 27. |  |  | **Shall this specification of error be sustained?** | | 42-8 |
| 28. |  |  | Minute explanatory of court's action written, and entered into Record of the Case | | 42-8 |
| 29. |  |  | Decision of higher court made: | | 42-9 |
| 30. |  |  | Affirm in whole or in part | |  |
| 31. |  |  | Reverse in whole or in part | |  |
| 32. |  |  | Render decision that should have been rendered | |  |
| 33. |  |  | Remand the case to lower court for new trial | |  |
| 34. |  |  | Written opinion prepared | |  |
| 35. |  |  | Copy of opinion and judgment delivered personally or mailed to the **lower court**, with written receipt required. | |  |
| 36. |  |  | Copy of opinion and judgment delivered personally or mailed to the **appellant**, with written receipt required. | |  |

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| 37. |  |  | An appellant shall be considered to have abandoned his appeal if he fails to appear before the higher court, in person or by counsel, for a hearing thereof, after he has been properly notified; but an appellant may waive, in writing, his right to appear with permission of the court and not be considered to have abandoned his case. In case of such failure to appear, the judgment of the lower court will stand unless the appellant gives to the court a prompt and satisfactory explanation. | | 42-11 |

Complaints

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| 1. |  |  | Written notice of complaint, with supporting reasons, filed with clerk of court within 60 days following meeting of the court | 43-2 |
| 2. |  |  | Court consider complaint at next meeting |  |
| 3. |  |  | No attempt made to circularize the court |  |
| 4. |  |  | Complainant may take complaint to next higher court if: | 43-3 |
| 5. |  |  | Court alleged to be delinquent denies complaint |  |
| 6. |  |  | Court fails to consider complaint by next stated meeting |  |
| 7. |  |  | Complainant files written notice of complaint together with supporting reasons, with both the clerk of the lower court and the clerk of the higher court within thirty (30) days notification of the last court’s decision. Notification of the last court’s decision shall be deemed to have occurred on the day of mailing. |  |
| 8. |  |  | Action against which the complaint made **not suspended**, unless 1/3 of the members vote for suspension, until final decision in the higher court. | 43-4 |
| 9. |  |  | Representative(s) appointed to defend action of lower court | 43-5 |
| 10. |  |  | Clerk of lower court files following documents with clerk of higher court, not more than 30 days after receiving notice of complaint | 43-6 |
| 11. |  |  | Copy of all proceedings in connection with the complaint |  |
| 12. |  |  | Notice of complaint and supporting reasons |  |
| 13. |  |  | Response of the lower court, if any |  |
| 14. |  |  | Any papers bearing on the complaint. |  |
| 15. |  |  | Rebuke from higher court in case of failure to thus file | 43-6 |
| 16. |  |  | Complainant waives right to appear with permission of court | 43-7 |
| 17. |  |  | Complainant has abandoned complaint if fails to appear without waiving right or giving satisfactory explanation | 43-7 |
| 18. |  |  | Higher court hears complaint if considers complaint in order | 43-8 |
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| 19. |  |  | Higher court may appoint commission to hear complaint | 43-8; 15-2,3 |
| 20. |  |  | Court notifies complainant and respondent in writing of the date set for the hearing | 43-8 |
|  |  |  | At the Hearing: | 43-9 |
| 21. |  |  | All papers bearing on complaint are read |  |
| 22. |  |  | Complainant given opportunity to present argument |  |
| 23. |  |  | Respondent given opportunity to present argument |  |
| 24. |  |  | Complainant given right of opening and closing the argument |  |
| 25. |  |  | Court or commission enters closed session |  |
| 26. |  |  | Discusses and considers merits of the complaint. |  |
| 27. |  |  | Vote taken as to what disposition should be made of the complaint |  |
| 28. |  |  | Complainant notified of the court's decision |  |
| 29. |  |  | Respondent notified of the court's decision |  |
| 30. |  |  | Court may annul whole or any part of lower court's action | 43-10 |
| 31. |  |  | Court may send matter back to lower court for new hearing | 43-10 |

Dissents, Protests, and Objections

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| 1. |  |  | (For definitions of D, P, & O, see *BCO* 45-2,3,4) | 45-2,3,4 |
| 2. |  |  | D/P filed by one who had right to vote in the case | 45-1 |
| 3. |  |  | O filed by one who did *not* have right to vote | 45-1, 4 |
| 4. |  |  | D/P/O filed with clerk of lower court within 30 days following meeting of lower court, or with clerk of the General Assembly before its adjournment. | 45-1 |
| 5. |  |  | D/P/O filed with reasons (generally, but not necessary) | 45-2,3,4 |
| 6. |  |  | D/P/O in temperate language, respectful to court | 45-5 |
| 7. |  |  | D/P/O recorded by court | 45-5 |
| 8. |  |  | Court records answer to D/P/O if deemed necessary | 45-5 |

Jurisdiction

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| 1. |  |  | When church member removes his residence beyond bounds: | 46-1 |
| 2. |  |  | Certificate of dismission obtained from old Session |  |
| 3. |  |  | Certificate of dismission presented to new church |  |
| 4. |  |  | If Certificate of dismission not possible: |  |
| 5. |  |  | Received by the Session upon other testimonials |  |
| 6. |  |  | Old church duly notified |  |
| 7. |  |  | Elders of old church continue oversight until transfer | 46-2 |
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| 8. |  |  | Elders of old church inform on duty to transfer |  |
| 9. |  |  | Old church notify session of church in new bounds |  |
| 10. |  |  | If transfer neglected for 1 year, name removed from roll, unless special permission granted | 46-2, 38-4 |
| 11. |  |  | Regular connection with new church formed | 46-3 |
| 12. |  |  | Associate Members: | 46-4 |
| 13. |  |  | All rights and privileges afforded |  |
| 14. |  |  | Barred from voting in congregational or corporate mtgs. |  |
| 15. |  |  | Barred from holding office |  |
| 16. |  |  | If a member or officer joins another evangelical church, see *BCO* 38-3a | 38-3a |
| 17. |  |  | If a member or officer joins another body judged as failing to maintain the Word and Sacraments, see *BCO* 38-3b | 38-3b |
| 18. |  |  | Member who has willfully neglected church for 1 year, or has made known he/she has no intention of fulfilling vows: | 38-4 |
| 19. |  |  | Session follows Scriptural procedures (Matt 18, Gal. 6:1) |  |
| 20. |  |  | Session reminds member of solemn covenant |  |
| 21. |  |  | Session erases name from church roll |  |
| 22. |  |  | Session notifies person whose name was erased |  |
| 23. |  |  | Minister/Licentiate/Candidate dismissed from Presbytery: | 46-6 |
| 24. |  |  | Name of Presbytery to which dismissed, in certificate |  |
| 25. |  |  | Remains under jurisdiction until received by other Presbytery |  |
| 26. |  |  | Certificate of Dismission valid testimony of good standing for only 1 year | 46-7 |
| 27. |  |  | Minister divested of his office without censure, or deposed without excommunication: | 46-8 |
| 28. |  |  | Presbytery assigns him membership in some particular church, subject to approval of Session of that church |  |

**Presbytery Judicial Commissions Acting As Appellate Courts**

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| 1. |  |  | See APPENDIX H of *BCO* | 15, Appendix H |