

CLERKS OF ASSEMBLY

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APPENDIX K

PROCEDURES FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF A SYNOD

1. Synod prepares a dissolution plan including but not limited to:
 - A. Preamble summarizing the process followed by the synod leading to the decision to seek dissolution.
 - B. Transfer of all assets or liabilities under its control to a presbytery or presbyteries within its bounds.
 - C. Transfer of responsibility for staff, property and collaboration on any current or proposed programs to a presbytery or presbyteries within its bounds.
 - D. Transfer of all necessary synod budget items to a presbytery or presbyteries within its bounds.
 - E. A plan for the annual inter-presbytery attestation of minutes (Book of Forms section 32).
 - F. A formula for redistributing synod appointments to Assembly Council from among the presbyteries within its bounds.
 - G. A formula for redistributing synod appointments to the Committee to Nominate Standing Committees (Book of Forms section 288.1)
 - H. Consultation with the Life and Mission Agency on funding for the synod's regional staff or other synod grants.
 - I. A formula for collaboration among the presbyteries on future requests for amendment to the plan by General Assembly.
 - J. Any other matters deemed necessary.
2. Synod forwards the plan to the presbyteries within its bounds for consideration. Presbyteries will report back to the synod indicating approval, requested amendments, or disapproval after consulting with the congregations within their bounds.
3. Synod reviews and amends the dissolution plan and forwards it to the General Assembly, through the Committee on Bills and Overtures, for final approval.
4. General Assembly considers the dissolution plan and may grant dissolution with a specific date to become effective or refer the plan back to the synod.
5. Following the approval by the General Assembly, the synod shall, through signing officers, effect the necessary transfers and proceed with closing bank accounts, removing signing officers, revoking charitable status (if in place) and any other legal matters that need to be brought to conclusion.
6. Synod minutes and official reports shall be transferred to the Archives of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and any legal documents transferred to the body accepting responsibility.