

Report of the Permanent Judicial Commission
To Yellowstone Presbytery
March 7-8, 2025

The Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) of Yellowstone Presbytery met on February 17, 2025 to chose a moderator and to review and make recommendations to Yellowstone Presbytery concerning two proposed amendments to the Book of Order of the Constitution of the PC(U.S.A.).

Sandi Schoenberger volunteered and was accepted by member to serve as the commission's moderator.

The PJC makes the following recommendations to Yellowstone Presbytery:

RECOMMENDATION: We members of the PJC recommend that Yellowstone Presbytery concur with D-7.0501: Referral to Investigating Committee.

Rational: Members are in agreement with the proposed changes noting that the inclusion of the word "person" reminds people that the accused is indeed a person, and the word "shall" leaves no doubt that this next step is a must. Members did discuss what they felt was a need for broader language concerning who does and does not lack mental capacity. There may be times when a person, due to circumstances they are living in, is unable to make wise decisions for themselves. Do they, at that time, "lack mental capacity"? This maybe something to look into in the future.

RECOMMENDATION: We members of the PJC recommend that Yellowstone Presbytery concur with D-7.0902b: Administrative Leave.

Rational: Members agreed the proposed change was an important one that supports the presumption of innocent until proven guilty.

Thanks to all the PJC members for their diligent work.

Sandi Schoenberger, Moderator