

CHURCH ORDER AND RELATED MATTERS

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I. Response to Overture 3 (*deferred* from 2021): Clarify Distinctions in Synodical Decisions

A. *Materials*: Overture 3 (*Deferred Agenda*), pp. 453-54

B. *Recommendation*

That synod defer Overture 3 to Synod 2023.

II. Response to Overture 11 (2022): Appoint a Task Force to Develop Church Order Procedures to Discipline Officebearers, Including Disaffiliation Initiated by a Major Assembly

A. *Materials*: Overture 11, pp. 516-17

B. *Recommendation*

That synod accede to Overture 11.

Ground: Clarifying our discipline would bring consistency to how we discipline erring consistories and classes.

III. Response to Overture 7: Adopt an Additional Supplement to Church Order Articles 82-84 (*deferred* from 2020)

A. *Materials*: Overture 7 (*Deferred Agenda*), pp. 448

B. *Recommendation*

That synod refer Overture 7 to the Task Force as part of its consideration of Overture 11.