

General Assembly Follow Up

Business coming from General Assembly to Presbyteries for ratification clusters into three areas:

The New Form of Government (a 97 page long book that should be ready as amended by mid August) An electronic version of this document is promised by next week.

The Belhar Confession. A pamphlet with the confession, background material and a study guide will be ready the end of August.

The Book of Amendments (the document we are accustomed to using when voting on the amendments) will be available September 1, 2010.

Council's current plan is to consider all this business at the January meeting of Presbytery. To prepare for this meeting you may want to consider studying these documents with colleagues in existing study groups or in newly formed groups. You may also want to introduce your sessions and congregations to this material prior to the January vote.

In September our GA Commissioners will be working with small groups to interpret some of the work of the Assembly during the Presbytery meeting at Johnsonburg. They each will provide a written summary of the topics they are prepared to engage in conversation with Presbytery commissioners for the Presbytery's electronic packet.

We will have sign up lists available at the Presbytery meeting so that we might help convene those who would like to engage colleagues in a particular area.

Our Commissioners, Linda Gaden, Doris Haring, David Jones and Jen Van Zandt are available to share their experience of how we got to this point. I was also at the Assembly and will be happy to respond to invites to talk about these matters.