

Paper P1

Simplifying Processes

Law and Polity Advisory Group

Basic information

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Action required	Decision.
Draft resolution(s)	Resolution 62 1. General Assembly resolves that, for the avoidance of doubt, any volunteer serving the General Assembly may in principle be treated under the Disciplinary Process for Office-holders. Resolution 63 2. General Assembly removes the entirety of section 4 of the Rules of Procedure, ‘suspension and removal of volunteers serving at denominational level’, as this is no longer needed.

Summary of content

Subject and aim(s)	Removing an unnecessary process.
Main points	The Disciplinary Process for Office-holders duplicates section 4 of the Rules of Procedure, and it is recommended that section 4 be removed as it is no longer needed.
Previous relevant documents	N/A
Consultation has taken place with...	N/A

Summary of impact

Financial	N/A
External (eg ecumenical)	N/A

1. Following a Commission chaired by former Moderator of General Assembly, the Revd Dr David Peel, it was agreed that the Assembly would introduce a process should the suspension or removal of volunteers serving the General Assembly be needed.
2. This was duly done and is found in section 4 of the Rules of Procedure.

3. Subsequent to that, it was felt helpful for the Church to the possibility of a general Disciplinary Process of Office-holders.
4. The Disciplinary Process for Office-holders has now been agreed and is live.
5. The Disciplinary Process for Office-holders covers everything that might be envisaged under section 4 of the Rules of Procedure, and it is both dangerous and unwise to have competing processes to cover the eventuality. The enabling resolution presented confirms this coverage.
6. Section 4 of the Rules of Procedure has never been used, and it remains our hope that the Disciplinary Process for Office-holders will likewise not need to be used.