

# New Form of Government (nFOG): What CHANGES?

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**Basic terminology changed:**      *Minister of Word and Sacrament* → **Teaching Elder**  
*Elder* → **Ruling Elder**  
*Governing Body* → **Council**

<b>New Book of Order Reference</b>	<b>Content of the Reference</b>	<b>What is the change?</b>
G.1.04	Categories of membership	No longer an inactive membership roll
G.1.0501	Quorums for congregational meetings	Congregations need to set their own quorum, no longer a set percentage G-7.0305
G.10501	Terms of Call reviewed annually	Conducted at congregational meetings but not required on an annual basis G.7.0302a
G.10502	Call for a congregational meeting	Congregations need to set their own rule for adequate public notice, no longer 2 successive Sundays G-7.0303b
G.1.0505	Signatures on congregational minutes	Moderator no longer needs to sign congregational minutes G-7.0307
G.2.0503, G.2.0508	Categories of membership for teaching elders	No longer an inactive list G-11.0406c
G.2.0504	Installed pastoral relationships	Pastor, co-pastor and associates. Easier process for a co-pastor. No longer specific designated pastor but can have a pastor for a “designated time” G-6.0202b
G.2.0504	Temporary pastoral relationships	No titles or descriptions for any temporary relationship G-14.0550
G.2.0504c	Associates	Associates may become the next installed pastor with COM approval and ¾ vote of presbytery G-14.0513
G.2.0504c	Interims	Former terms interims and supply pastors...these folks may now become the next installed pastor with COM approval and ¾ vote of presbytery G-14.0513

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None	Parish associates	There will no longer be a designation of Parish Associate G-14.0570
G.2.0505	Ministers from other denominations	Presbyteries have more flexibility based on mission strategy G-11.0404, G-11.0405
G.2.0605	Pastors serving the presbytery in temporary positions	Presbytery provides for the rule of who may serve in a temporary position...there are no longer distinctions of churches that the denomination is in correspondence with or in communion with G-11.0405
G.2.0605	Inquirers and candidates in relation to their sessions	Session and Presbytery oversight is no longer spelled out in specifics G-14.0412, G-14.0413
None	Annual reports	Annual reports for inquirers and candidates are not mandated G-14.0421
G.2.0608	Transfer of an inquirer or candidate to another presbytery	More flexibility in transferring. Silence on when the transfer to a new church home takes place G-14.0461
G.2.0610	Alternate means exams	You no longer have to have failed the exam twice to request an alternate means. Still needs a ¾ vote of presbytery G-14.0472
G.2.0702	Place of ordination	Presbytery of call examines and now ordains G-14.0481
G.2.0903	Moderator of congregational meeting when a dissolution	Presbytery now appoints moderator, previously, the pastor moderated (G-14.0612)
G.2.1001 and following	CLP's (now called Commissioned Ruling Elders)	Training more flexible (g-14.0560)
G.2.1103a and b	Certified Christian Educators	No accreditation process is outlined (G-14.0720)
G.2.1103b	Certified Christian Educators at Presbytery	CCE may now have voice and vote, previously voice only (12.0730b)

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G.4.0103	Committee on Representation	COR's membership is not specified (G-9.0105a)
G.3.0104	Length of term of office for Presbytery Moderator	Term of office no longer defined (G-9.0202b)
G.3.0109, G.3.0307	Constitutional Committees	Councils may designate their own committees and commissions...COM, CPM are no longer required (G-11.0502- 03 and G-14.0410)
G.3.0109	Administrative Commissions	Membership numbers no longer dictated (G-9.0504b)
G.3.0111	Nominating Committees for all councils	No longer stipulations on composition or terms of service (G-9.0801a)
G.3.0203	Quorum for sessions	No longer designated by Book of Order...sessions make their own rule
G.0204a	Rolls to be maintained	No longer an inactive roll; No longer need to keep marriages or differentiate between infant and adult baptisms (10.0302b)
G.3.0301	Parity of commissioners to presbytery	No longer a formula for basic parity; now by presbytery rule (G-11.0101a)