

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The National Leadership Team (the “**NLT**”) has submitted to the 46th General Assembly a complete restatement of the *Book of Discipline* (the “**BOD Restatement**”). Because the proposal constitutes an amendment in full as to the *Book of Discipline*, the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (the “**PJC**”) examined the BOD Restatement for clarity and consistency of language and for compatibility with other provisions of the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, in each case as required by Section G.21-3D.2.a.

The PJC understands the categories “clarity,” “consistency,” and “compatibility” to have particular meanings. *Clarity* asks whether the language of the amendment is sufficiently precise that a reasonably informed reader of the Constitution could determine what the provision requires, permits, or forbids without reference to the debate that produced it. *Consistency* examines whether the amendment employs language in a manner consistent with the vocabulary, terminology, and logic used in the Constitution and within the amendment itself. *Compatibility* asks whether the amendment integrates coherently into the broader constitutional framework without creating conflict with other provisions or with the structure of the Constitution as a whole.

After due consideration, the PJC determined as follows regarding the BOD Restatement:

Question Presented	PJC Determination
Does the amendment satisfy the requirement of clarity of language?	Yes. Vote: 8-0, with one abstention.
Does the amendment satisfy the requirement of consistency of language?	Yes. Vote: 8-0, with one abstention.
Does the amendment satisfy the requirement of compatibility with other provisions of the EPC Constitution?	Yes. Vote: 8-0, with one abstention.

Accordingly, the PJC respectfully and prayerfully recommends that the General Assembly accept and adopt the BOD Restatement.