

X. ACT ANENT CO-OPERATION AMONG PRESBYTERIES ON MATTERS OF ORDINARY BUSINESS

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The General Assembly hereby enact and ordain as follows:

1. Definitions

For the purposes of this Act:

- (a) 'appointing Presbytery' is a Presbytery which has appointed a member of another Presbytery to any of its Committees, other than an excluded Committee;
- (b) 'co-operating Presbytery' is a Presbytery which, together with one or more other Presbyteries, appoints a Joint Committee; and
- (c) 'Joint Committee' is a Committee appointed by one or more co-operating Presbyteries.
- (d) 'excluded Committee' is a Presbytery Committee or Commission listed in in Act VI, 2002 (as amended), section 2.

2. Appointment to Presbytery Committees

- (1) For the purpose of enabling it to fulfil its duties better, an appointing Presbytery may appoint one or more members of one or more other Presbyteries to any of its Committees, other than an excluded Committee.
- (2) Any member of another Presbytery appointed in terms of section 2(a) above:
 - (a) shall not thereby become a member of the appointing Presbytery;
 - (b) shall, in the exercise of his or her responsibilities on the Committee of the appointing Presbytery, be deemed to be a full member of that Committee; and,
 - (c) shall, in the exercise of his or her responsibilities on the Committee, be entitled to have his or her reasonable expenses reimbursed by the appointing Presbytery.

3. Joint Presbytery Committees

- (1) For the purpose of enabling them to fulfil their duties better, two or more co-operating Presbyteries may appoint one or more joint Committees for any purpose other than to fulfil the functions of an excluded Committee. Any of the co-operating Presbyteries may withdraw from a Joint Committee at any time.
- (2) A Joint Committee shall be deemed to be a Committee of each of the co-operating Presbyteries. Each of the co-operating Presbyteries shall meet the reasonable expenses of its own members appointed to a Joint Committee.
- (3) A Joint Committee shall have only such remit and powers as are granted to it by agreement among the co-operating Presbyteries, which remit and powers may be varied or rescinded at any time by agreement among the co-operating Presbyteries. The co-operating Presbyteries may grant only such remit and powers to a Joint Committee as may be competently granted by a Presbytery to one of its Committees.
- (4) A Joint Committee shall act under the supervision of and report to each of the co-operating Presbyteries in respect of matters of common interest. Otherwise, a Joint Committee shall act under the supervision of and report to a particular co-operating Presbytery in respect of matters of interest to that Presbytery.

4. Repeal

Nothing in this Act shall be taken to be an amendment or qualification of either Act V, 2001

or Act VI, 2002.