REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE TO GENERAL SYNOD 2025

Corrections and alterations to legislation made by the Handbook Committee

Section 11 f) of the Declaration of Principles empowers the Handbook Committee to make corrections and alterations to the legislation of the General Synod (the Declaration of Principles, the Constitution, the Rules of Order and Procedure and the Canons) provided that such changes related only to matters of form and not of substance. Any such changes must be reported to the next meeting of the General Synod and may be put aside by the Synod.

Changes made by the Handbook Committee in the current edition of the Handbook are listed in this report.

1. "Canadian Forces" changed to "Canadian Armed Forces"

The federal government changed the name of the Canadian Forces to Canadian Armed Forces, necessitating a number of legislative changes to correct the name. The Handbook Committee has changed 19 references to the Canadian Forces. These are found in the following places:

Declaration of Principles section 6 s) Constitution sections 8 b) vi); 8 g) (2 references); 33 f) iii) Canon VIII section 1 b) ii) Canon XVII sections 1 a); 2 e); 3; 6 b) Canon XXI sections 25 (4 references); 35 (4 references); 36

2. Corrections to Canon XX

An obsolete note at the end of Canon XX has been deleted.

A gendered reference to the Chancellor in Appendix A section 9 (1) has been made gender neutral, by changing "is an officer of the Court by virtue of his office" to "is an ex officio officer of the Court."

Respectfully submitted,

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