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**2005 RECOMMENDATION
OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

If you have any questions about the attached report, please email me at brock@covenant.edu.

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1 [NOTE: The blank lines at the top of this page are included in order to align this excerpt with the
 2 printed report in the *Commissioners Handbook*, i.e., the report begins on line 9 in the *Handbook*
 3 and so these lines were added so that this web file would also begin on line 9.]
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9 **XI. Recommendations to the 2005 General Assembly**

10 **Regarding General Assembly Meeting Structure**

11 1. That two amendments be made to the *Book of Church Order (explanatory comments*
 12 *in italics)*:

13 **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF CHURCH ORDER**

CURRENT BCO	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	
<p>15-4. The General Assembly shall elect a Standing Judicial Commission to which it shall commit all judicial cases within its jurisdiction.</p>	<p>AMEND 15-4, first sentence: “The General Assembly shall elect a Standing Judicial Commission to which it shall commit all matters governed by the Rules of Discipline which may come before the Assembly.”</p> <p><i>Proposed change makes clear that not just “judicial cases,” a narrower category, but all matters of discipline, a broader category, are to be referred to the SJC.</i></p>	<p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22</p>
<p>40-5. When any court having appellate jurisdiction shall be advised, either by the records of the court next below or by memorial, either with or without protest, or by any other satisfactory method, of any important delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceedings of such court, the first step shall be to cite the court alleged to have offended to appear by representative or in writing, at a specified time and place, and to show what it has done or failed to do in the case in question.</p> <p>The court thus issuing the citation may reverse or redress the proceedings of the court below in other than judicial cases; or it may censure the delinquent court; or it may remit the whole matter to the delinquent court with an injunction to take it up and dispose of it in a constitutional manner; or it may stay all further proceedings in the case; as circumstances may require.</p>	<p>AMEND 40-5. “When any court having appellate jurisdiction shall receive a credible report with respect to the court next below of any important delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceedings of such court, the first step shall be to cite the court alleged to have offended to appear before the court having appellate jurisdiction, or its commission, by representative or in writing, at a specified time and place, and to show what the lower court has done or failed to do in the case in question.”</p> <p>AS IS last paragraph.</p> <p><i>Proposed change simplifies the language of the antecedent in the conditional, and allows for the use of a commission, in anticipation of a proposed amendment to “RAO” 14-10.c establishing a judicial procedure to settle the question of the disputed exceptions alleged under General Assembly review of presbytery records.</i></p>	<p>23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44</p>

1 2. That an *ad interim* Committee of the General Assembly (“RAO” Article VIII) be
2 constituted for the purpose of presenting the final report and recommendations of the
3 Strategic Planning Committee directly to the Thirty-fourth General Assembly. The
4 following seven persons would compose the *ad interim* Committee: Frank Barker, Joel
5 Belz, Frank Brock, Bryan Chapell, Dave Clelland, David Coffin, and Ligon Duncan. The
6 other current and advisory members of the SPC would serve as advisory members on the *ad*
7 *interim* Committee: Will Barker, Sam Duncan, Bebo Elkin, Glenn Fogle, Harry Hargrave,
8 Wayne Herring, Eliot Lee, Bill Lyle, Roy Taylor, Jack Williamson and Mike Wilson. The
9 Committee shall be erected with the proviso that no need for additional funds is
10 anticipated, but should such additional funds be necessary, they would be raised by
11 interested parties through voluntary designated contributions distributed through the AC
12 (“RAO” 4-18), not to exceed \$10,000.