

Resolution 14. Commission on Doctrinal Purity Name Change

1. WHEREAS, The authorization for the Commission on Doctrinal Purity is found in the General
2. Council Bylaws, ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
3. DISAPPROVED, Section A. COMMISSION ON DOCTRINAL PURITY; and
4. WHEREAS, The title "Commission on Doctrinal Purity" can convey a negative and restrictive
5. sense; and
6. WHEREAS, The Commission on Doctrinal Purity can provide a more positive contribution to
7. the Fellowship; therefore, be it
8. RESOLVED, That the name of the Commission on Doctrinal Purity be changed to the name
9. Commission on Doctrines and Practices; and, be it further
10. RESOLVED, That the name change be reflected wherever the title is found in the General Council
11. Constitution and Bylaws and in all public and private communications within the
12. Fellowship; and, be it further
13. RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IV. COMMITTEES, Section 4.
14. Resolutions Committee, paragraph c. Scriptural interpretation, page 147, which
15. reads:
16. **c. Scriptural interpretation.** Except for resolutions submitted by the
17. Executive Presbytery, the General Presbytery, or a district council, resolutions
18. that involve scriptural interpretation shall be forwarded to the Commission on
19. Doctrinal Purity when in the judgment of the Resolutions Committee such an
20. action is needful. The commission shall evaluate and draft a brief assessment
21. of the scriptural interpretation embodied in the resolution. The assessment,
22. stating their agreement or disagreement with the scriptural interpretation, shall
23. accompany the resolution when presented to the General Council for
24. consideration.
25. Be amended to read:
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2. in the resolution. The assessment, stating their agreement or disagreement with
3. the scriptural interpretation, shall accompany the resolution when presented to
4. the General Council for consideration.
5. And, be it further
6. RESOLVED, That General Council Bylaws ARTICLE IX. DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES
7. DISAPPROVED, Section A. COMMISSION ON DOCTRINAL PURITY, and
8. paragraph a., Authorization and purpose, page 166, which reads
9. **A. COMMISSION ON DOCTRINAL PURITY**
10. **a. Authorization and purpose.** A Commission on Doctrinal Purity shall be
11. established for the purpose of giving careful attention to preventing deviations
12. from the Statement of Fundamental Truths and proliferation of unscriptural
13. teachings. The commission shall receive its assignments from and make its
14. reports to the Executive Presbytery.
15. Be amended to read:
16. **A. COMMISSION ON DOCTRINES AND PRACTICES**
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18. a. Authorization and purpose. A Commission on Doctrines and Practices
19. shall be established for the purpose of giving careful attention
20. to preventing deviations from the Statement of Fundamental Truths and
21. proliferation of unscriptural teachings. The commission shall receive its
22. assignments from and make its reports to the Executive Presbytery.

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