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Thinking Twice About the nFOG Proposal

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Dear Friend,

Governing bodies have been urged to study the proposed new Form of Government (nFOG), the governance portion of the Book of Order. Some presbyteries have study groups at work. Sessions, too, are governing bodies and should take advantage of the opportunity to critique this document.

The nFOG, if adopted, will bring about significant changes in our theology and governance. We in the Coalition believe every Presbyterian should read the proposed documents.

The [study draft of the nFOG](#) is on the PC(USA) website. The site includes the content of the two draft documents ("Foundations" and "Proposed Form of Government") and a response form. Other resources include side by side comparisons of the current Form of Government with the proposed new language.

Last year the Presbyterian Coalition published a critique of the nFOG called "[Altering the Covenant.](#)" Most of that critique continues to apply to the updated draft.

We have just posted a new critique of the nFOG called "Thinking Twice about the New Form of Government." It is a series of [eight articles](#) or sections that walk through the principal changes of the documents, and consider the effects of those changes.

The articles on our website are intended to offer information and things to think about as you study the nFOG.

One goal of our critique is to point out what is missing. So much of the current Form of Government has been omitted from the proposed document that it is helpful to be reminded of what is missing.

Using the study response form is only one way to respond to the nFOG. You may also respond directly to the General Assembly. If you would like to discuss how that process works, please call me at 703-680-4571.

I hope you will form a group in your church or presbytery and go to work.

Yours in Christ,

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