

# PCUSA Denomination



## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE VOTE?

### PCUSA AMENDMENT B ON CHASTITY AND FIDELITY

The 218th General Assembly, June 2008, proposed an amendment to remove paragraph G-

A simple majority (50% plus 1) of all 173 presbyteries is needed to approve a change to the Book of Order. Presbytery votes must take place within one year of the last assembly... 218th GA, June 28, 2008. The San Francisco Presbytery vote will take place in April 2009. If the amendment is approved by a majority of presbyteries, a proposal to ratify the Book of Order is submitted for approval at the 219th GA - summer 2010. Until then PCUSA individual candidates, officers, examining and governing bodies must adhere to the Fidelity/Chastity requirement as stated in the Book of Order.

amendment. The Presbyterian Coalition website, [www.presbycoalition.org/votingresults.cfm#53334](http://www.presbycoalition.org/votingresults.cfm#53334) lists up-to-date voting results. You can also visit [www.presbycoalition.org](http://www.presbycoalition.org) for additional information about Fidelity/Chastity Amendment B.

6.0106b, to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001) or chastity in singleness which was ratified in 1996 to the Book of Order. The proposed amendment seeks a revision that would not single out a sexual conduct standard for ordained ministers, elders and deacons of the church. Three General Assemblies have voted to remove this requirement from the Book of Order. Each time it's been defeated by a large majority of the presbyteries.

As of December 2008, thirteen presbyteries recorded votes. Twelve voting presbyteries maintain the Book of Order as it currently reads – NOT passing the

CPC supports the Fidelity/Chastity clause G-6.0106b. Our Denominational Relations Task Force is working with our presbytery's evangelical caucus to Get Out the Vote within our presbytery. We appreciate your continued prayers for wisdom and discernment as we move forward in 2009. We'll continue to keep our congregation updated through ALIVE and at the pulpit.

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