

Overture 3

Re: Rules of Presbytery and Session in OBH

**Overture from the the South Island Presbytery
Re: Removing Rules of Presbytery and Session from OBH**

The South Island Presbytery respectfully overtures Synod 20124 as follows:

To eliminate the Rules for Presbytery Meetings, Section 2-25, and the Rules for Session Meetings, Section 2-37 found in the Office-Bearer's Handbook (1953-2011).

Grounds:

1. The Rules for Presbytery Meetings and Session Meetings have not been officially adopted by any Synod of the RCNZ.
2. Because these rules have not been adopted by any Synod, they have no official standing within the denomination.
3. The Office-Bearer's Handbook is available on the official website of the RCNZ. Anyone, unfamiliar with the RCNZ, reading the handbook would get an inaccurate, if not erroneous, description of how our presbyteries and sessions conduct meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stated Clerk

South Island Presbytery