Sections 9.5 and 9.6, and Rule G-9.13.7 shall be modified as indicated below:

1102 Section 9.5. Nomination of President and Moderator.

1103 (a) President. The Presidential Search Committee shall submit no fewer than two nominations for the office of President for an election at the end of a presidential term or for a special election. The report of the Presidential Search Committee shall be announced by [February 1] November 15 of the year before the General Assembly at which there is to be a presidential election, except in the case of a special election, in which case the report of the Presidential Search Committee shall be announced by December 10 of the year before the election.

1112 (b) Moderator. The Board of Trustees shall submit one or more nominations for the office of Moderator for an election at the end of a Moderator term or for a special election. The report of the Board of Trustees shall be announced by [February 1] November 15 of the year before the General Assembly at which there is to be a Moderator election, except in the case of a special election, in which case the report of the Board of Trustees shall be announced by December 10 of the year before the election.

1120 Section 9.6. Nomination by Petition.

1121 (a) For Moderator and President. A nomination for the office of Moderator or President, for a regular or special election, may be by petition signed by no fewer than fifty certified member congregations, including at least one congregation from three of the regions of the Association. A certified member congregation may authorize the signing of a petition only by vote of its governing board or by vote at a duly called meeting of its members. Such a petition shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association, only in such form as the Secretary may prescribe, not later than February 1 of the year of the election and not earlier than the preceding [March] December 1.
2535 Rule G-9.13.7. Length of Campaigns for President and Moderator.

2537 (a) **Private planning for campaigns** for President and Moderator, *such as strategic, organizational or communications meetings, shall not begin earlier than October 1* [may appropriately begin with small campaign committee organizational meetings and mass mailing letters no earlier than November 1] of the [second] year preceding the election.

2541 (b) Active campaigning, **including public announcements or communication:** virtual or in-person public meetings, rallies, or events; and solicitation of endorsements shall not begin *until a nomination has been announced or November 15* [prior to January 1] of the year preceding these elections.

2543 (c) **No electioneering (defined as publicly announced meetings, rallies or exploratory events) of any sort shall occur at the General Assembly two years preceding the elections for President and Moderator.** Private meetings about campaign organization that take place outside of General Assembly booked meeting spaces are permissible.

*Active campaigning during GA is permitted only during the General Assembly at which the President or Moderator is elected. Active and passive campaigning for President or Moderator during any other General Assembly is prohibited.*

Rationale: Shorten election campaigns for Moderator and President. Modernize language to reflect the realities of campaigning.