

*Sec. 2.*—Charges against a minister, with reference to any offense designated in *Article XIII*, must be brought before the Church Council and by that body before Conference. In case the Church Council refuse to take cognizance of such offence and charges, they must be brought before the Conference by not less than three active members in good standing in the congregation.

*Sec. 3.*—Charges against an applicant for admission to this body, must be brought before the President and by him before the committee appointed to investigate said charges.

*Sec. 4.*—No charge shall receive attention unless presented in writing, with specifications of the offence charged, founded upon the testimony of and signed by at least two competent and credible witnesses.

*Sec. 5.*—If any minister be charged with an offense not in the manner aforesaid but by notorious rumor, the Conference shall enter into an investigation of such charge; or whenever the notorious rumor which charges some specific sin is widely spread, is not transient but growing, and is accompanied with strong presumption of guilt.

*Sec. 6.*—The President shall see that the accused receive a copy of the charges against him, and be duly cited, at least twenty (20) days previous, to appear before the body by which he is to be examined. If after such citation, he refuse or fail to appear, without assigning sufficient reason for such refusal or failure, the examination shall proceed as if he were present.

*Sec. 7.*—All relevant testimony shall be heard, and if he so desire, in the presence of the accused.

*Sec. 8.*—The accused shall have the right to be heard in his own defence; but he shall not be allowed to appear, or to defend himself by legal counsel.