

¶228.2b(5) A written complaint or grievance may be filed against a professing member by serving the complaint or grievance on the professing member, the pastor of the professing member and the district superintendent of the professing member.

(6) The pastor and district superintendent of the accused professing member shall attempt a just resolution process similar to the supervisory response in ¶ 363.1(b, c) with the professing member's district superintendent or designee leading the process.

(7) If the procedures of ¶ 363.1(b, c) do not result in resolution of the matter and if the conduct alleged in the complaint or grievance, if true, would be a chargeable offense found in ¶ 2702.3, then the procedures of ¶ 2701 and following paragraphs are to be followed unless the accused professing member agrees to use the procedure described in ¶ 228.2b (8) below.

(8) If the procedures of ¶ 363.1(b, c) do not result in resolution of the matter and if the conduct alleged in the complaint or grievance, if true, would not be a chargeable offense found in ¶ 2702.3, then a group of four persons: the pastor of the accused professing member, the lay leader of the accused professing member's church, the district lay leader, and the district superintendent, ex officio, without vote but with voice, where the accused professing member's church is located, shall hear information from the accused professing member and the complainant or grievant and shall determine an unappealable resolution of the matter.