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From The Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards Proposed Amendments to *The Book of Government* 19-4.B

Current Language: G.19-4.B	Proposed Language: <u>additions, in bold italics,</u> <u>deletions</u>
<p>19-4.B With respect to Teaching Elders</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish the required Ministerial Committee. 2. To examine Ministers and Candidates, to receive and dismiss Ministers and Candidates. 3. To ordain and install, to dissolve pastoral relationships, to approve calls, and to grant permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery. 4. To establish a Ministerial Obligation record to which all Ministers must subscribe before being received into membership. This obligation shall consist of the ordination vows for Ministers to which shall be added a subscription as follows: "I do receive and adopt the above vows as a true statement of my faith, commitment, and obligation, and I do resolve and promise to exercise my calling to the gospel ministry in obedience to those vows." 5. To retire and to place on Inactive Status member Ministers. 6. To take disciplinary action according to <i>The Book of Discipline</i>. 7. To decide judicial cases brought before it in accordance with <i>The Book of Discipline</i>. 	<p>19-4.B With respect to Teaching Elders</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish the required Ministerial Committee. 2. To examine <u>Applicants, Candidates, and Teaching Elders</u>, and to receive and dismiss <u>Applicants, Candidates, and Teaching Elders</u>. 3. To ordain and install, to dissolve pastoral relationships, to approve calls, and to grant permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery. 4. To establish a Ministerial Obligation record to which all <u>Teaching Elders</u> must subscribe before being received into membership. This obligation shall consist of the ordination vows for <u>Teaching Elders</u> to which shall be added a subscription as follows: "I do receive and adopt the above vows as a true statement of my faith, commitment, and obligation, and I do resolve and promise to exercise my calling to the gospel ministry in obedience to those vows." 5. To retire and to place on Inactive Status member <u>Teaching Elders</u>. 6. To take disciplinary action according to <i>The Book of Discipline</i>. 7. To decide judicial cases brought before it in accordance with <i>The Book of Discipline</i>.

Rationale: These proposed amendments, which emerge from previously proposed amendments to G.11-2 (See: Recommendation 45-10), are offered for the sake of clarity and consistency.