

45-16 (to the floor)

From The Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards

Proposed Amendments to The Book of Government 21-2.D.1

| Current Language: G.21-2.D.1 | Proposed Language: <u>additions, in bold italics</u> deletions |
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| <p>21-2 The Ministerial Committee</p> <p>D.1 Authority and Responsibilities</p> <p>1. With regard to Teaching Elders and Candidates</p> <p>a. It shall have the oversight of Candidates for the gospel ministry of the Presbytery, although the Presbytery may assign this function to some other committee.</p> <p>b. It shall confer with each Teaching Elder desiring to become a member of the Presbytery or Candidate desiring ordination.</p> <p>c. It shall conduct any examination and assessment it deems necessary in order to make a decision for its recommendation to the Presbytery concerning the application.</p> <p>d. It shall conduct the examination by the Presbytery of the applicant according to the Book of Government.</p> <p>e. It shall report annually on the work of the Teaching Elders to the Presbytery, along with any recommendations it might have. This includes an annual report from those Teaching Elders approved for labor outside the bounds of Presbytery.</p> <p>f. The Committee shall be responsible for an annual review of the remuneration of Teaching Elders, shall consult with Sessions if deemed necessary concerning such remuneration, and may recommend to the Presbytery minimum terms for the call of Teaching Elders. Requests to the Presbytery for a change in the terms of call shall come through this committee.</p> <p>g. It shall review each request for dissolution of a pastoral relationship and make a recommendation to Presbytery.</p> | <p>21-2 The Ministerial Committee</p> <p>D.1 Authority and Responsibilities</p> <p><i>1. With regard to <u>Applicants, Candidates, and Teaching Elders</u></i></p> <p>a. It shall have the oversight of Candidates for the gospel ministry of the Presbytery, although the Presbytery may assign this function to some other committee.</p> <p>b. It shall confer with each Teaching Elder desiring to become a member of the Presbytery <i>as well as <u>Applicants</u></i> or Candidates desiring ordination.</p> <p>c. It shall conduct any examination and assessment it deems necessary in order to make a decision for its recommendation to the Presbytery concerning the application.</p> <p>d. It shall conduct the examination by the Presbytery of the applicant according to the Book of Government.</p> <p>e. It shall report annually on the work of the Teaching Elders to the Presbytery, along with any recommendations it might have. This includes an annual report from those Teaching Elders approved for labor outside the bounds of Presbytery.</p> <p>f. The Committee shall be responsible for an annual review of the remuneration of Teaching Elders, shall consult with Sessions if deemed necessary concerning such remuneration, and may recommend to the Presbytery minimum terms for the call of Teaching Elders. Requests to the Presbytery for a change in the terms of call shall come through this committee.</p> <p>g. It shall review each request for dissolution of a pastoral relationship and make a recommendation to Presbytery.</p> |

Rationale: The Ministerial Committee or other designated Committee of the Presbytery has the responsibility for Applicants seeking to come under Care of the Presbytery. This proposed amendment, which emerges from previously proposed amendments to G.11-2 (See: Recommendation #45-10), is offered for the sake of clarity and consistency.