

## 45-20

### **From the Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards**

(These are not constitutional changes and will become effective upon GA approval)

#### 1. New Act of the Assembly superseding Act of Assembly 12-12

Current Text	Proposed Language: for new <i>Act of Assembly</i> <b><u>additions</u></b> , noted in <b><u>bold italics</u></b> , <b><u>deletions</u></b>
<p><b>12-12</b> The Assembly modifies section 1(c) of the <i>Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination</i>, adopted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (<i>see Act of Assembly 82-07, p. 193</i>), to read:</p> <p>1. Requirements for ordination shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;</li> <li>b. Seminary degree: M.Div. or equivalent including Koine Greek and Hebrew;</li> <li>c. Care of the presbytery in accord with G.11-2;</li> <li>d. Examinations: four written and one oral examination must be sustained;</li> <li>e. Valid call;</li> <li>f. Other evidence: Assurance those spiritual gifts needed for effective ministry are present and being developed. <b>(Minutes 32-56)</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>45-XX</b> The Assembly modifies section 1(c) of the <i>Uniform Procedures on Candidacy and Ordination</i>, adopted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (<i>see Act of Assembly 82-07, p. 193</i>), to read:</p> <p>2. Requirements for ordination shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <del>Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university;</del></li> <li>a. Seminary degree: M.Div. or equivalent including Koine Greek and Hebrew;</li> <li>b. Care of the presbytery in accord with G.11-2;</li> <li>c. Examinations: four written and one oral examination must be sustained;</li> <li>d. Valid call;</li> <li>e. Other evidence: Assurance those spiritual gifts needed for effective ministry are present and being developed. <b>(Minutes 32-56)</b></li> </ul>

#### **RATIONALE:**

While some seminaries require a bachelor's degree, other educational institutions and the CEEP process do not. We believe making this change creates greater access and opportunity for those who may be able to fulfill our educational requirements without a bachelor's degree.