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From the Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards

The Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards recommends that the 45th General Assembly **REQUIRE** all candidates to undergo a standardized National Background Check conducted through the Office of the General Assembly and paid for by the Candidate's Presbytery prior to being approved for ordination.

Rationale:

We believe the Candidate should undergo a National Background Check administered through the Office of General Assembly in order to demonstrate due diligence and provide a standard for the background check process. This national standard provides a uniform process that all Candidates for ordination in the EPC undergo in order to reduce potential liability and, more importantly, give local churches confidence in the character quality of the people they may be calling to serve as Teaching Elders.

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