

**45-24** *(to the floor)*  
***From the Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards***

The Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards recommends that the 45<sup>th</sup> General Assembly **REQUIRE** all candidates under care to have a current physical exam and a psychological exam (which includes the most current version of the MMPI), including a personal assessment with the psychologist administering the exam.

**Rationale:**

We believe all Candidates should undergo a thorough physical and psychological exam to make sure they are prepared to handle the rigors of ordained ministry. Current data suggests that pastors across the United States are suffering from significant mental and physical distress that is directly impacting their ability to minister effectively. We believe that by requiring physical and psychological exams, we can better equip our Candidates to serve in the ordained ministry.

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