

45-40 *(to the Ministerial Vocation Standing Committee)*
Overture from the Presbytery of the Midwest

To amend *Book of Government* 11-2 E

Current Wording	Proposed Wording <i><u>bold underline italics</u></i>
<p>E. The Presbytery shall assign a Teaching Elder in the Presbytery, ordinarily not the Candidate's Pastor, to serve as advisor to the Candidate. The advisor and the Candidate's Pastor shall submit regular reports to the appropriate committee on the progress of the Candidate.</p>	<p>E. The Presbytery shall assign a Teaching Elder <i><u>or a Ruling Elder</u></i> in the Presbytery, ordinarily not the Candidate's Pastor, to serve as an advisor to the Candidate. The advisor and the Candidate's Pastor shall submit regular reports to the appropriate committee on the progress of the Candidate.</p>

Rationale:

Candidates need both spiritual and procedural guidance. The Candidate's Pastor should provide the spiritual guidance, but the procedural guidance may be provided from either a Teaching Elder or a Ruling Elder thoroughly acquainted with the process of preparing for ordination.

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