

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

Standing Committee Report 45th General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation convened at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2024, and met **once**. Chairman **TE Marco Ortega** opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Recommendation GA45-39**
2. **Recommendation GA45-40**
3. **Recommendation GA45-41**
4. **Minutes** of the MVC Permanent Committee
5. **Minutes** of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee

B. Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation GA45-39:** The Permanent Judicial Commission recommends to the 45th General Assembly that recommendation 45-40 **be answered** by the Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards revisions to G. 11-2 as addressed in recommendation 45-10 **be approved as submitted**.
2. **Recommendation GA45-40:** The Midwest Presbytery respectfully OVERTURES the 45th General Assembly to **amend** edits to the *Book of Government* 11-2.E **not be adopted**.

Current Wording	Proposed Wording <i>bold underline italics</i>
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.	E. The Presbytery shall assign a Teaching Elder <i>or a Ruling Elder</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.

3. **Recommendation GA45-41:** The Presbytery Review Committee recommends that the 45th General Assembly **adopt** a change to the current policy regarding the approval and recording of ministers' Terms of Call **be adopted as amended**.

Acts of Assembly 12-11

Current Language <i>Act of Assembly 12-11</i>	Proposed Language: for new <i>Act of Assembly</i> <u>additions</u> , noted in <u>bold italics</u> , deletions
<p>12-11 The Assembly adopts a policy regarding approval and recording of ministers' terms of call, superseding the actions of the 18th and 31st General Assemblies (<i>Acts 98-04, p. 185</i>) and (<i>Acts 11-08, p. 200</i>). (Minutes 32-56)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The initial terms of call shall be approved in public by both congregations and presbyteries, using the forms found in the Book of Order and <i>Procedure Manual for Ministerial and Candidates Committees</i>. 2. Changes in terms of call must be noted and voted upon by presbyteries on recommendation from the Ministerial Committee. The changes may be noted as either a dollar amount, or percentage amount, with only the change, not the new total, noted. 3. Background or supporting material regarding terms of call shall be made available to the Presbytery Review Committee through the Stated Clerk upon the Committee's request. 	<p>25-XX The Assembly adopts a policy regarding approval and recording of ministers' terms of call, superseding the actions of the 18th and 31st General Assemblies (<i>Acts 98-04, p. 185</i>) and (<i>Acts 11-08, p. 200</i>). (Minutes 32-56)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The initial terms of call shall be approved in public by <u>the calling</u> both congregation and by presbyteries, <u>either by the presbytery or by the Ministerial Committee of the Presbytery per G. 21-2D.1.f.</u> using the forms found in the Book of Order and <i>Procedure Manual for Ministerial and Candidates Committees</i>. 2. Changes in terms of call <u>for all active TE's</u> must be noted and voted upon by presbyteries on recommendation from <u>approved</u> by the Ministerial Committee <u>unless requested by the presbytery itself</u>. The changes may be noted as either a dollar amount, or percentage amount, with only the change, not the new total, noted. 3. <u>Terms of Call and</u> background or supporting material regarding terms of call shall be made available to the <u>both members of the presbytery and for the</u> Presbytery Review Committee through the <u>presbytery</u> Stated Clerk upon the Committee's request.

4. That the **Minutes** of the **MVC Permanent Committee** dated September 10, 2024, September 11-12, 2024, November 13, 2024, January 21, 2025, February 19, 2025, and March 18-20, 2025 **be approved as submitted.**
5. That the **Minutes** of the **Chaplains Work and Care Committee** dated August 23, 2024, October 7-8, 2024, January 7, 2025, January 9, 2025, January 10, 2025, January 31, 2025, February 27, 2025, and March 3-4, 2025, **be approved as submitted.**

C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee:

1. Per *Rules for Assembly* 9-6, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus consent motion:

[NOTE: a recommendation amended by the Standing Committee, substitute recommendation or additional recommendation in C.2 are not eligible for the omnibus consent motion.]

Ministerial Vocation Permanent Committee Minutes

Chaplains Work and Care Permanent Committee Minutes


The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on Ministerial Vocation for their good work during the past year.

TE Dave Strunk closed the meeting with prayer.

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Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman
TE Marcos Ortega


_____, Clerk
TE Cole Lescher