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46-35 (to the Ministerial Vocation Standing Committee)

From the Ministerial Vocation Committee

Proposed Amendments to the *Endorsement Policy Acts of Assembly 20-10*

Current Language: <i>Acts of Assembly 20-10</i>	Proposed Language: <i>Acts of Assembly 20-10</i> <i>additions, in bold italics, deletions</i>
<p><u>Approved Agencies/Organizations:</u> Assembly committees may recommend resource agencies/organizations for approval by the General Assembly. Such agencies/organizations shall meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An explicit statement of faith compatible with EPC confessional standards; 2. Exhibits both evangelical and reformed theology in doctrine and practice; 3. Ministry objectives compatible with the vision, purpose and goals of the recommending committee and the General Assembly; 4. Financial credibility as measured by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability or by comparable standards. <p>Approved agencies/organizations may be listed in the EPC Directory and website. The Office of the General Assembly and Assembly committees may explore and implement areas of cooperative ministry with approved agencies/organizations, subject to the operational policies of the General Assembly.</p> <p><u>Committee Endorsed Resources:</u> Assembly committees may endorse resources (e.g., print, audio/visual or curriculum.) An endorsed resource shall meet the following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An explicit statement of faith compatible with EPC confessional standards and/or demonstrates both evangelical and reformed theology; 2. Compatible with the vision, purpose and goals of the endorsing committee and the General Assembly; <p>The committees may add annotations to their endorsements. Endorsed resources may be</p>	<p><i>The General Assembly and its permanent committees may deem it wise to recommend agencies and resources to its churches as valuable aids for their ministries. These recommended agencies and resources shall be evaluated on the following criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>They assist EPC churches or leaders in pursuing our stated mission and vision.</i> • <i>They are consistent with our evangelical and Reformed beliefs.</i> <p><i>Recommended agencies may be included on the denominational website or in other communications.</i></p> <p><i>Permanent committees may add annotations to their recommendations, which will be included on the denominational website or in other communications.</i></p> <p><i>Permanent committees will establish biennial review procedures for agencies and resources they have recommended to ensure that they continue to meet the criteria above. In cases in which Assembly committees find that reviewed resources do not continue to meet the criteria, they shall report the removal of their recommendation, noting specific shortcomings.”</i></p>



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Committee Commended Resources: Assembly committees may commend resources (e.g., agencies, print, audio/visual, curriculum). Commended resources shall meet the following criteria:

1. A statement of faith consistent with the EPC *Essentials of Our Faith* and/or demonstrates biblical, orthodox theology consistent with the belief and practice of the EPC;
2. Not necessarily reformed in its theology;
3. Compatible with the mission, vision and goals of the recommending committee and the General Assembly;

Committees may add annotations to their commendations. Commended resources may be included, with their annotations, on the denominational website or in other communications. Prior to implementing cooperative ministries with commended agencies the committee shall secure the approval of the National Leadership Team.

Permanent committees will establish annual review procedures for agencies, organizations and/or resources they have approved, endorsed or commended to ensure that they continue to meet the criteria above.

In cases in which Assembly committees find that reviewed resources do not meet criteria for approval, endorsement or commendation, they shall report the removal of their recommendation. Specific shortcomings shall be noted in committee minutes.

Grounds: This updated Endorsement Policy will aid the Assembly as it seeks to accomplish its mission, vision and goals.

Rationale:

This recommendation eliminates specified categorization in the evaluation of Endorsed agencies, printed and electronic resources.

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