

**46-19** *(to the floor)*

***From the Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards***

Proposed sunset provision for the Candidate's Educational Equivalency Program (CEEP)

To APPROVE a sunset provision for the Candidate's Educational Equivalency Program (CEEP).

**Effective Date:** The requirements of the Criteria shall take effect upon adjournment of the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. (Provided this is adopted by the 46<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and ratified by the 47<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.)

**Allowances for Current Candidates:** Any candidate received by a Presbytery prior to the effective date of the Criteria shall be permitted to complete their preparation under the standards of the 2025-2026 edition of the Book of Order.

**Sunset Provision:** The option for ordination under prior standards shall expire three (3) years from the effective date. Any Candidate not ordained by that time must meet the Criteria for Ordination Requirements and Education of the current Book of Order.

**Rationale:** The Criteria for Ordination Requirements and Education will eliminate the need for the Candidate's Educational Equivalency Program (CEEP) as it provides a uniform standard for all Candidates to meet while providing the Presbytery some measure of flexibility in order to customize the standard to each individual Candidate and their background. At the same time, the committee recognizes the need to provide some time for Candidates currently under care in the CEEP process to complete their work. We believe three years from the effective date (47th General Assembly) is sufficient.