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From the Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards

The Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards and Process recommends that the 46th General Assembly **DIRECT** the Ministerial Vocation Committee (MVC) to conduct a thorough study of licensure as a potential category in the denomination's credentialing process, report back to the 47th General Assembly regarding the theological, constitutional, and pastoral implications, and present any recommendations.

Rationale:

There is a history of licensure in the EPC. Though it was eliminated in 1984, we believe it is worth considering bringing back as a regular practice. Many of our sister denominations use licensure to great effect in the training and equipping of their Candidates and it also provides presbytery endorsement for Candidates to preach the Word within their bounds. The EPC's lack of licensure or a similar category has resulted in a limited pool of presbytery-endorsed preachers which potentially results in local churches not being well-served in the ministry of the Word. We also believe it could potentially impact the training and equipping of Commissioned Pastors. Members of our committee are willing to assist the MVC in this study.

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