

Committee on Ministerial Vocation

Standing Committee Report 46th General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Vocation met twice, the first meeting convened by Zoom at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 8, 2026. The second meeting convened in person at 3:40 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026. Chairman **TE Andrew Winter** opened the meeting with prayer. **TE Vince Latz** served as Recording Clerk for the committee.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Recommendation GA46-35**
2. **Recommendation GA46-36**
3. **Recommendation GA46-37**
4. **Recommendation GA46-38**
5. **Recommendation GA46-39**
6. **Recommendation GA46-40**
7. **Recommendation GA46-41**
8. **Recommendation GA46-42**
9. **Recommendation GA46-43**
10. **Recommendation GA46-44**
11. **Recommendation GA46-45**
12. **Recommendation GA46-46**
13. **Recommendation GA46-47**
14. **Recommendation GA46-48**
15. **Recommendation GA46-49**
16. **Minutes** of the MVC Permanent Committee
17. **Minutes** of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee

B. Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation GA46-35:** The Ministerial Vocation Committee recommends that the 46th General Assembly approve the following Endorsement Policy to supersede the *Acts of Assembly* 20-10, **be approved as submitted.**
2. **Recommendation GA46-36:** The Florida and the Caribbean respectfully overture the 46th General Assembly to amend the *Book of Government* 12-2.C, **answered by 46-37.**
3. **Recommendation GA46-37:** The Permanent Judicial Commission recommends that the General Assembly answer the Florida and the Caribbean 12-2 Overture (46-36) with reference to the Ad-Interim Committee on Ordination Standards, which, among other things, has also proposed to amend Section G. 12-2.C, **be approved as submitted.**

4. **Recommendation GA46-38:** The Rivers and Lakes Presbytery respectfully OVERTURES the 46th General Assembly to APPROVE the proposed amendments to the Book of Government 9-5, **be approved as submitted.**
5. **Recommendation GA46-39:** The Permanent Judicial Commission recommends that the 46th General Assembly APPROVE Recommendation 46-38, River and Lakes Presbytery G. 9-5 Overture, **answered by 46-38**
6. **Recommendation GA46-40:** The Permanent Judicial Commission's report and recommendation that the 46th General Assembly considers it in deciding whether to accept or decline Recommendation 46-41, Pacific Northwest Presbytery G. 9-3A Overture, **be answered by 46-41**
7. **Recommendation GA46-41:** The Pacific Northwest Presbytery respectfully OVERTURES the 46th General Assembly to amend the Book of Government 9-3A, **not be adopted.**

The Ministerial Vocation Standing Committee recommends that Recommendation 41 **not be adopted.**

While a number of arguments were made by members of the committee towards this end, this report will highlight one of the most significant.

In short, we recommend that the General Assembly not adopt Recommendation 41 **because the proposed overture contradicts the system of doctrine contained in the Westminster Standards.**

The overture requires that officers not “persist in...unnatural desires”. In finding that the overture was consistent with the confession, dissenting members of the Permanent Judicial Commission argued that “a mature Christian who has experienced sufficient progressive sanctification is no longer plagued by persistent longings to sin.”

In contradiction to these statements, our Standards state that “during life on earth this corrupt nature remains in those who are regenerated” (WCF 6.5) and that “[b]elievers are not completely or perfectly sanctified because they retain some remnants of sin throughout their whole being and are continually plagued with desires of their old sinful nature” (WLC 78).

The committee thus concurs with the Permanent Judicial Commission in finding that the proposed amendment contradicts the Westminster Standards, and we urge the Assembly to reject it.

8. **Recommendation GA46-42:** The Permanent Judicial Commission's report and recommendation that the 46th General Assembly considers it in deciding whether to accept or decline Recommendation 46-43, Central Carolinas Presbytery G. 9-3A Overture, **answered by 46-41**
9. **Recommendation GA46-43:** The Central Carolinas Presbytery respectfully OVERTURES the 46th General Assembly to amend the Book of Government 9-3A, **answered by 46-41**

- 10. Recommendation GA46-44:** The Permanent Judicial Commission’s report and recommendation that the 46th General Assembly considers it in deciding whether to accept or decline Recommendation 46-45, Florida and the Caribbean Presbytery G. 9-3A Overture, **answered by 46-41**
- 11. Recommendation GA46-45:** The Florida and the Caribbean Presbytery respectfully OVERTURES the 46th General Assembly to amend the Book of Government 9-3A, **answered by 46-41**
- 12. Recommendation GA46-46:** The Permanent Judicial Commission’s report and recommendation that the 46th General Assembly considers it in deciding whether to accept or decline Recommendation 46-47, New River Presbytery G. 9-3A Overture, **answered by 46-41**
- 13. Recommendation GA46-47:** The New River Presbytery respectfully OVERTURES the 46th General Assembly to amend the Book of Government 9-3A, **answered by 46-41**
- 14. Recommendation GA46-48:** The Permanent Judicial Commission’s report and recommendation that the 46th General Assembly considers it in deciding whether to accept or decline Recommendation 46-49, West Presbytery G. 9-3A Overture, **answered by 46-41**
- 15. Recommendation GA46-49:** The West Presbytery respectfully OVERTURES the 46th General Assembly to amend the Book of Government 9-3A, **answered by 46-41**
- 16.** That the **Minutes** of the **MVC** Permanent Committee dated July 16, 2025, September 16-18, 2025, December 11, 2025, December 15, 2025, March 3-5, 2026, and April 13, 2026, be **approved with minor notations.**
- 17.** That the **Minutes** of the **Chaplains Work and Care Committee** dated October 12-13, 2025, March 02-03, 2026, and March 6, 2026, be **approved with minor notations.**

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.]

Recommendation 46-35

Minutes of the Permanent Committees (MVC & CWCC)

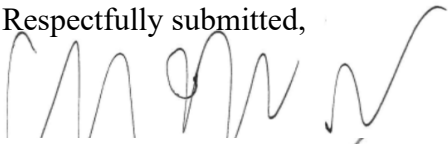
2. *(Enter any other recommendations here)*

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

TE Andrew Winter closed the meeting with prayer.

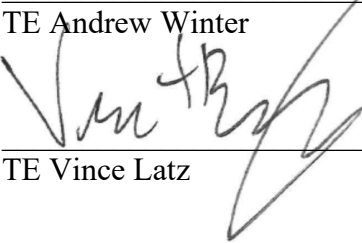
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Respectfully submitted,



, Chairman

TE Andrew Winter



, Clerk

TE Vince Latz
