

## Checklist for Examination of a Candidate for Ordination

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Candidate has completed four-year college degree and three-year (M.Div.) degree from a seminary approved by the Presbytery, including appropriate courses in Greek and Hebrew (**G.11-2G**; *Acts of Assembly* 82-07).
- 2. Candidate was under care of Presbytery for at least one year (**G.11-2H**).
  - Ordinary minimum of one year waived.
  - Reasons:
- 3. Showed evidence of competency in the original languages of Scripture.
  - Requirements for original languages waived (**G.11-2I**; **G.12-2E**).
- 4. Candidate successfully completed all written examinations.
- 5. Candidate successfully completed oral examination in:
  - Christian experience of the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ and progress in spiritual growth.
  - Theology and Sacraments.
  - English Bible.
  - Book of Order*.
  - The Reformed Tradition.
  - Nature of the Office of the Teaching Elder.
- 6. Candidate has successfully preached a sermon to the Presbytery on an assigned topic or Scripture passage.
- 7. Candidate has provided a written statement of any exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms (**G.12-4**).
- 8. Candidate's written exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms have been (**G.12-4**):  Allowed  Disallowed  
Explanatory notes if disallowed:

**Sample text for minutes (this section is not fillable):**

Candidate \_\_\_\_\_, having completed the candidacy requirements prescribed in G.11-2 and having sustained written examinations and then oral examination before the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee, was presented to the Presbytery for examination for the office of Teaching Elder.

The Presbytery then proceeded to examine \_\_\_\_\_ in the areas required by *Book of Government* 12-2. On motion, the examination was arrested and the candidate was excused. [*If a Presbytery decides to arrest each area of examination separately, minutes should reflect that practice accordingly.*] On motion, the candidate's examination was sustained/not sustained [*Add explanatory notes if not sustained.*].

On motion, the Presbytery approved / did not approve \_\_\_\_\_'s sermon as demonstrating ability to expound the Word of God effectively (G.12-2D).

On motion, the candidate's exception(s) to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms were allowed / disallowed. [*Add explanatory notes as needed if disallowed.*].