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A Global Movement of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches

## Descending Overtures from the 37<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Evangelical Presbyterian Church

### Descending Overture 17-B

To amend *Book of Government* 21-2D.2e and f, expanding areas of ongoing authority that may be given to the Ministerial Committee at the discretion of the Presbytery”

Current Book of Government 21-2D.2e, f	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 21-2D.2e, f Additions in <b><i>bold italics</i></b>
<p><b>21-2 The Ministerial Committee</b></p> <p><b>D. Authority and Responsibilities</b></p> <p>2. With regard to local churches</p> <p>e. Presbytery may authorize this Committee to dissolve pastoral relationships and dismiss Teaching Elders according to the <b>Book of Order</b> when both the congregation and the Pastor concur in the dissolution.</p> <p>f. The Committee may be appointed by Presbytery to serve as a Judicial or</p>	<p><b>21-2 The Ministerial Committee</b></p> <p><b>D. Authority and Responsibilities</b></p> <p>2. With regard to local churches</p> <p>e. Presbytery may authorize <b><i>this</i></b> the Ministerial Committee to <del>dissolve</del> <b><i>pastoral relationships and dismiss Teaching Elders according to the Book of Order</i></b> when both the congregation and the Pastor concur in the <del>dissolution</del>. <b><i>serve as a Judicial or Administrative Commission. The</i></b></p>

Administrative Commission. The Committee may be appointed as an ongoing Administrative Commission to approve temporary relationships.

Committee may also be appointed as an ongoing Administrative Commission to:

- 1) Dissolve pastoral relationships and dismiss Teaching Elders according to the **Book of Order** when both the congregation and the Pastor concur in the dissolution.
- 2) *Approve temporary pastoral relationships\*.*
- 3) *Review terms of call or invitations for all pastoral relationships, excluding out-of-bounds terms of calls, to ensure that the terms meet the minimum established standards.*
- 4) *Ordain and/or install Teaching Elders in accordance with provisions in this Book of Government.*
- 5) *Appoint advisors for Candidates Under Care and mentors for Commissioned Pastors.*

*[Note: section f is deleted here, being incorporated in section e above for clarity.]*

*\*If approved, the following footnote will appear in the text of the Book of Government: "The approval of temporary pastoral relationships is limited to the authority provided for in G.10-7. (Footnote approved by the 37<sup>th</sup> General Assembly."*

