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Descending Overtures from the 37th General Assembly Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Descending Overture 17-D

To amend *Book of Government* 9-5A.1 for consistency within the *Book of Government* 10-7 and to clarify that all calls to Teaching Elders must be approved by the Presbytery.

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 9-5A.1	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 9-5A.1 Additions in <i>bold italics</i>
<p>9-5 The office of Teaching Elder</p> <p>Within the office of Teaching Elder there are a variety of callings that require ordination. God distributes to each, gifts according to the common needs of the Church. These include:</p> <p>A. Pastor</p> <p>1. Titles</p> <p>A Teaching Elder may be called by a congregation to be a Pastor or Associate Pastor. Sessions may call a Teaching Elder as Assistant Pastor. These are the only recognized callings for Teaching Elders in a congregational setting.</p>	<p>9-5 The office of Teaching Elder</p> <p>Within the office of Teaching Elder there are a variety of callings that require ordination. God distributes to each, gifts according to the common needs of the Church. These include:</p> <p>A. Pastor</p> <p>1. Titles</p> <p>A Teaching Elder may be called by a congregation to be a Pastor or Associate Pastor. Sessions may call a Teaching Elder as Assistant Pastor, <i>Transitional Pastor, or invite a Teaching Elder as Stated Supply Pastor, or Occasional Supply Pastor. Presbytery must approve all such positions.</i> These are the only recognized pastoral relationships for Teaching Elders in a congregational setting.</p>