
GA39-09
OVERTURE

The Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest respectfully overtures the 39th General Assembly of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church to amend **G. 11-2C**, accordingly:

Current G. 11-2C	Proposed G. 11-2C Amendment Additions in <i>bold italics</i>
The Presbytery shall make public examination of the Candidate as to Christian experience and growth, the motive for seeking ordination, and a statement regarding the person’s call to the Ministry.	The Presbytery shall make public examination of the Candidate as to Christian experience and growth, the motive for seeking ordination <i>by a Presbytery of the EPC</i> , and a statement regarding the person’s call to the Ministry.

Whereas a Candidate for ordination is expected to experience both an “inward call” to the ministry per se as well as an external call to a specific church or agency [BoG 10-1], and

Whereas there are many Christian churches and agencies with a wide range of theology and polity who offer such calls, and

Whereas some who come seeking ordination in the EPC have been previously ordained in non-reformed bodies or unaffiliated churches, and

Whereas even within the bodies of churches and agencies that call themselves Presbyterian and reformed there are significant differences of belief and practice;

Therefore, it is necessary that the presbytery, when considering a candidate to come under its care to prepare for ministry in a church or agency of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, carefully consider the candidate’s motivation to not only be an ordained Teaching Elder, but also to be a part of the EPC.

Referred to MINISTERIAL VOCATION



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FROM THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION***

Recommendation:

Permanent Judicial Commission Recommends that the 39th General Assembly **APPROVE** the Overture GA39-09.

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