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FROM THE CHAPLAINS WORK AND CARE COMMITTEE

The Chaplains Work and Care Committee recommends that the 41st General Assembly **APPROVE** the amendments to the *Book of Government* 9-5E by deletion of the final sentence and insertion of a footnote to *Book of Worship* 3-1A in the first sentence as follows, “*Lawfully ordained Minister’ includes EPC Chaplains who are called to serve in a military or civilian organization, have been approved by their Presbytery, and have been endorsed by the General Assembly (see G.9-5E and Rules for Assembly X.10-11).*”

The Permanent Judicial Commission recommends that the 41st General Assembly **APPROVE** the amendments to the *Book of Government* 9-5E and *Book of Worship* 3-1A.

Current <i>Book of Government</i> 9-5E	Proposed <i>Book of Government</i> 9-5E <i>Amendments in bold italics.</i>
<p>E. Chaplain</p> <p>A court of the church, a hospital, the military, institutions, universities, or other appropriate fields of service may call a Teaching Elder as Chaplain if the Presbytery deems it appropriate. In such cases, the Chaplain shall always have as a primary responsibility the sharing of the Good News of God in Jesus Christ. The Presbytery may authorize the Chaplain to administer the sacraments in that role.</p>	<p>E. Chaplain</p> <p>A court of the church, a hospital, the military, institutions, universities, or other appropriate fields of service may call a Teaching Elder as Chaplain if the Presbytery deems it appropriate. In such cases, the Chaplain shall always have as a primary responsibility the sharing of the Good News of God in Jesus Christ. <i>The Presbytery may authorize the Chaplain to administer the sacraments in that role.</i></p>
Current <i>Book of Worship</i> 3-1A	Proposed <i>Book of Worship</i> 3-1A <i>Amendment in bold italics.</i>
<p>3-1 A</p> <p>A. Administration of sacraments</p> <p>Ordinarily, only a lawfully ordained Minister²⁸² may administer the sacraments...</p>	<p>3-1 A</p> <p>A. Administration of sacraments</p> <p>Ordinarily, only a lawfully ordained Minister²⁸² may administer the sacraments...</p>

²⁸² A ‘lawfully ordained minister’ includes EPC Chaplains who are called to serve in a military or civilian organization, have been approved by their Presbytery, and have been endorsed by the General Assembly. Also, a lawfully ordained minister in good standing of a non-EPC church may be authorized to serve communion in an EPC Church, with the concurrence of the Presbytery (*Acts of Assembly* 94-22 and 14-06) See also **Westminster Confession of Faith** 27-4.