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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 amendment to *Rules for Assembly X.10-1 I.3.*

Current <i>Rules for Assembly X.10-1 I.3.</i>	Proposed <i>Rules for Assembly X.10-1 I.3.</i> <i>Amendments in bold italics.</i>
<p>I. Committee on Chaplains Work and Care</p> <p>3. Chaplain Endorser: The Moderator shall nominate to the General Assembly a Teaching Elder to serve as the denomination’s Chaplain Endorser for a three-year term, which is renewable. The Endorser will be operationally accountable to the Office to the Stated Clerk.</p> <p>a. The nominee will normally be one with experience in military chaplaincy.</p> <p>a. The Endorser is an ex-officio member of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee with voice and vote.</p>	<p>I. Committee on Chaplains Work and Care</p> <p>3. Chaplain Endorser: The Moderator shall nominate to the General Assembly a Teaching Elder to serve as the denomination’s Chaplain Endorser for a three-year term, which is renewable. The Endorser will be operationally accountable to the Office to the Stated Clerk.</p> <p>a. The nominee <i>will normally be one with experience in military chaplaincy. should be a well-qualified, retired military chaplain unless there is not one available.</i></p> <p>b. The Endorser is an ex-officio member of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee with voice and vote, <i>and together, recruit, endorse, and support all EPC Chaplains.</i></p>

Rationale:

It is essential that the Chaplain Endorser be a retired military chaplain, one who has a military ID card, which would facilitate access to military bases and allow the Endorser to meet with military leadership.

Also, by incorporating this sentence into the body of paragraph 3, it will eliminate the confusion of having two subparagraphs labeled “a.”

This clearly shows the direct cooperation between the Endorser and the Chaplains Work and Care Committee in regard to Chaplain recruitment, endorsement, and support.