

Ministerial Vocation Committee
Report to the 41th General Assembly



Fred Lian
Chairman

Summary of Work, 2020-2021:

- 1. With Care of Candidates and Ministerial Committees,** MVC worked alongside the gathered Chairs of these Presbytery committees to dialogue about and seek resolution for common issues which have been arising in Presbyteries and to build relationships across our Presbytery committees—especially in a year of pandemic. We met both virtually and in-person.
- 2. With Ministerial well-being,** MVC worked to be the shepherd of the shepherds by helping with the needs of several EPC pastors or EPC churches requiring support, intervention, guidance, counseling, coaching, or help in crisis situations.
- 3. With Ordination Exams,** MVC reviewed the exams, revised the Bible and the Theology, Sacraments, and Reformed Tradition exam, approved the Spanish language version of the ordination exams, transitioned to an on-line format for testing, and oversaw the Beta testing and approval of these exams.
- 4. With Resources,** MVC modernized and released the second version of the *EPC Leadership Training Guide* and created and managed IT and print resource platforms (EPC Ordination Candidate Education Flowchart) for Care of Candidates and Ministerial Committees, and completed the Medical Exam form, and the Psychological Evaluation form.
- 5. TE CEEP Candidates:** MVC interviewed several CEEP (Candidates Educational Equivalency Program) candidates who were seeking ordination, and made appropriate study recommendations to the proper committee of their Presbytery.
- 6. With Transitions:** Reviewed and managed several Transitional Pastor situations and worked on supporting churches with pastoral transitions.



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7. Chaplaincy program: we received reports from Chaplain Endorser TE Mark Ingalls regarding the work of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee (CWCC) as it applies to its application, interview, and endorsement process.

The Ministerial Vocation Committee extends its gratitude for the commitment and dedication of RE Caroline Tromble, RE Frank Rotella, and RE Neal McAtee to our committee's work as they transition off after finishing their terms.

We also want to thank TE Zach Hopkins, TE Kent Mathews, TE Jerry Iamurri, and Zenaida Bermudez and Brian Smith from the Office of the General Assembly for their insight, wisdom, and effectiveness in enabling us to proceed in effective and efficient ways with many of the issues and documents we processed.

Recommendations to the 2020 General Assembly:

None



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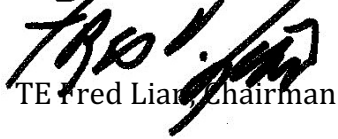
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COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members:

TE Fred Lian (Chairman), Presbytery of the West
TE Brad Strait (Past-Chairman, Moderator Elect), Presbytery of the West
RE Richard Gash, Presbytery of the Midwest
RE Neal McAtee, Presbytery of the Central South
TE Kent Mathews, Presbytery of the Great Plains (Resource Member)
RE Frank Rotella, Presbytery of the East
RE Caroline Tromble, Presbytery of River and Lakes
TE Jerry Iamurri, Office of the General Assembly Staff Resource

Respectfully submitted,


TE Fred Lian, Chairman

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