

Committee on Administration

Standing Committee Report 41st General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Administration convened at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021, and met once. Chairman TE Neil Smith opened the meeting with prayer. The Chair reminded the Committee of the saying to guide meetings: “In essentials, clarity; in non-essentials, scarcity; in all things, brevity.”

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Recommendation GA41-18**
2. **Recommendation GA41-19**
3. **Recommendation GA41-20**
4. **Recommendation GA41-21**
5. **Recommendation GA41-22**
6. **Recommendation GA41-23**
7. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee

B. Recommendations:

RE Mike Gibson, Chair of the National Leadership team Finance Committee, and Pat Coelho, CFO presented background information on the proposed FY 2022 Administration budget and Special Projects.

1. **Recommendation GA41-18**, from the NLT that the 41st General Assembly adopt the FY 2022 Administration Budget **be adopted**.
2. **Recommendation GA41-19**, from the NLT that the 41st General Assembly adopt the FY 2022 Special Projects **be adopted**.

Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah presented background information and answered questions on Recommendation GA41-20.

3. **Recommendation GA41-20**, from the NLT that the 41st General Assembly receive “The Role and Purpose of the Office of the General Assembly” **be adopted**.

TE Ron Horgan, Stated Clerk of the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery presented background information on Recommendation GA41-21.

4. **Recommendation GA41-21**, from the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic overtures, that the 41st General Assembly approve the creation of three presbyteries from the current Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic, effective July 1, 2022, **as amended by the Permanent Judicial Commission be adopted**.

Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah addressed the Committee giving background information on Recommendations GA 41-22.

5. **Recommendation GA 41-22**, from the Chaplains Work and Care Committee recommends that the 41st General Assembly delete the reference to CWCC Chairman as denominational endorser in *Acts of Assembly* 11-13 **be adopted**.

Current <i>Acts of Assembly</i> 11-13	Proposed <i>Acts of Assembly</i> 11-13 <i>Amendments in bold italics</i>
11-13 The Assembly creates a Permanent Committee on Chaplains Work and Care whose chairman serves as denominational endorser.	11-13 The Assembly creates a Permanent Committee on Chaplains Work and Care <i>whose chairman serves as denominational endorser.</i>

Stated Clerk Jeff Jeremiah and Chaplains Work and Care Committee Chair TE Brad Yorton addressed the Committee giving background information on Recommendation GA 41-23.

6. **Recommendation GA41-23**, from the Chaplains Work and Care Committee recommends that the 41st General Assembly approve the amendment to *Rules for Assembly* X.10-1 I.3 **be adopted**.

Current <i>Rules for Assembly</i> X.10-1 I.3.	Proposed <i>Rules for Assembly</i> X.10-1 I.3. <i>Amendments in bold italics.</i>
I. Committee on Chaplains Work and Care 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The nominee will normally be one with experience in military chaplaincy. b. The Endorser is an ex-officio member of the Chaplains Work and Care Committee with voice and vote. 	I. Committee on Chaplains Work and Care 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The nominee <i>will normally be one with experience in military chaplaincy.</i> <i>should be a well-qualified, retired military chaplain unless there is not one available.</i> 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>

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.

7. That the **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee dated August 22, 2019, August 20-21, 2019, October 11, 2019, November 05-06, 2019, January 21-22, 2020, March 30, 2020, April 1, 2020, April 8, 2020, April 14, 2020, June 1, 2020, June 22, 2020, July 30, 2020, August 20, 2020, September 11, 2020, October 27, 2020, December 11, 2020, December 22, 2020, January 19, 2021, January 27, 2021, April 13-14, 2021 be approved with notations.

C. Additional Recommendations from the Standing Committee:

1. Per *Rules for Assembly 9-6*, the Committee voted to place the following eligible recommendation(s) on an omnibus consent motion:

[NOTE: a recommendation amended by the Standing Committee, substitute recommendation or additional recommendation in C.2 are not eligible for the omnibus consent motion.]

Recommendation 41-20

Recommendation 41-22

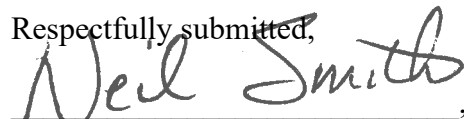
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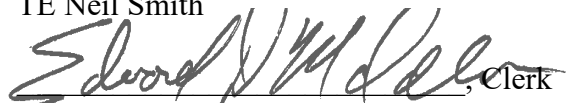
The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on Administration for their good work during the past year.

TE Neil Smith closed the meeting with prayer.

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Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman
TE Neil Smith


_____, Clerk
TE Ed McCallum