

Committee on Theology

Standing Committee Report 42nd General Assembly

The Standing Committee on Theology convened at 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022, and met once. Chairman TE JT Holderman opened the meeting with prayer and an exhortation from 1 Peter 5 and the WCF.

A. Business Referred to Committee:

1. **Recommendation GA42-18**
2. **Recommendation GA42-19**
3. **Recommendation GA42-20**
4. **Recommendation GA42-24**
5. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee (Theology)
6. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee (Ministerial Vocation)
7. **Minutes** of the Permanent Committee (Chaplains Work and Care Committee)

B. Recommendations:

1. **Recommendation GA42-18**

The Theology Committee recommends that the 42nd General Assembly approve the recommendations to include the full text of the GA41-31 response of the Theology Committee in the official Minutes of the 42nd General Assembly **be adopted**.

2. **Recommendation GA42-19**

The Theology Committee recommends that the 42nd General Assembly approve the recommendation to distribute the GA41-31 response of the Theology Committee to every Presbytery and Session of the Church **be adopted**.

3. **Recommendation GA42-20**

The Chaplain Work and Care Committee (CWCC) recommends that the 42nd General Assembly approve the EPC CWCC Policy Statement on Chaplain Ministry to Same-Sex Couples and LGBTQ+ Individuals **be adopted as amended**. *(See below)*

1. God alone is Lord of the conscience, and no chaplain of the EPC shall be compelled to participate in a worship service or activity with leadership or other participants whose actions or character violates the moral law of God as expressed in the Constitution of the EPC.
(Followed by the original points renumbered 2-8 accordingly)

The Standing Committee amended the statement with the support of the CWCC to provide more thorough cover for EPC chaplains in secular environments.

4. Recommendation GA42-24

The MVC Committee recommends that the 42nd General Assembly approve the recommendation for Pastor-in-Residence (PIR) Ministries be recognized as an Approved Agency of the General Assembly **be adopted**.

5. That the Minutes of the Permanent Committee

Theology: October 26-27, 2021, and April 6, 2022 (Zoom) **be approved with minor notations.**

CWCC: May 13, 2021 (Zoom), May 18, 2021 (Zoom), June 21, 2021, July 23, 2021 (Zoom), August 11, 2021 (Zoom), October 11-12, 2021 (Zoom), January 21, 2022 (Zoom), March 14-15, 2022, and May 3, 2022 (Zoom) **be approved with minor notations.**

MVC: September 8-10, 2021, January 26, 2022 (Zoom), February 11, 2022 (Zoom), March 9-11, 2022, and April 26, 2022 (Zoom) to be **approved with minor 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:

Minutes of the Permanent Committee (Theology)

Minutes of the Permanent Committee (Chaplains Work and Care Committee)

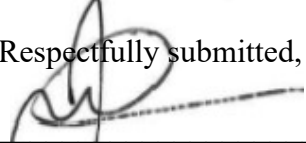
Minutes of the Permanent Committee (Ministerial Vocation Committee)

The Standing Committee commends the members of the Permanent Committee on Theology, the Chaplains Work and Care Committee, and the Ministerial Vocation Committee for their good work during the past year.

TE JT Holderman closed the meeting with prayer at 4:30 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,


_____, Chairman
TE JT Holderman


_____, Clerk
TE Annie Rose