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OVT-004 On Amending G-2.0104b to Make It Consistent with the Constitutional Questions in W-4.4003—From the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas.

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Sponsor: Kiskiminetas Presbytery

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RECOMMENDATION

The Presbytery of Kiskiminetas overtures the 220th General Assembly (2012) to direct the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative vote:

Shall G-2.0104b be amended as follows: [Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“b. Standards for ordained service reflect the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (F-1.02). The council responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.2.0402; G-2.0607; G-3.0306) shall examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of ordered ministry. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate’s ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). ~~Councils shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.~~ *When examining those being presented for ordination and or installation, the council shall do so in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and guided by our confessions.*”

RATIONALE

Section G-2.0104b requires a candidate for ordination/installation to be able and committed to “fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003).”

The constitutional questions require “obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and ... continually guided by our confessions” (Book of Order, W-4.4003d).

We affirm that our confessions are standards in the church, they are subordinate standards to the Scriptures (Book of Order, F-2.02).

Therefore, we propose the above amendment to make the language internally consistent by reiterating the authority of Scripture over our confessions.