

**Proposed Comment from the Office of the General Assembly on ORD-06, On
Appointing a Committee to Review the Preparation for Ministry Process**

Much of the focus in the delineated responsibilities for the proposed special committee and its supporting rationale relates to a requested “assessment, evaluation, and recommendations for changes to the Presbyteries’ Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates (PCCEC).” The Office of the General Assembly would remind the commissioners that as a permanent committee of the church (albeit one created by the presbyteries [G-2.0607d] rather than the General Assembly), the PCCEC is subject to the same “Standards for Review” as other permanent, advocacy, and advisory committees and commissions (*Manual of the General Assembly*, pp. 83-84). The PCCEC was last reviewed by the 225th General Assembly (2022), and the report and recommendations arising from that review are available in PC-Biz (<https://www.pc-biz.org/search/3000915>).

The next scheduled review of the PCCEC would be by the 228th General Assembly (2028). However, the Assembly has adjusted the scheduling of such reviews to respond to arising circumstances in the life of the church. This Assembly, therefore, could request that the next standard review of the PCCEC be conducted by the 227th General Assembly (2026).