

CHECKLIST FOR EXAMINATION OF A CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION

Name: _____

- 1. Candidate has completed a four-year college degree and a three-year (M.Div.) degree from a seminary approved by presbytery including appropriate courses in Greek and Hebrew (G.11-2G; Act of Assembly 82-07)
- 2. Candidate was under care of presbytery for at least one year (G.11-2H).
 - Ordinary minimum of one year waived. Reasons: _____
- 3. Showed evidence of competency in the original languages of Scripture.
 - Requirements for original languages waived (G.11-2I; G.12-2E).
- 4. Candidate successfully completed all written examinations.
- 5. Candidate successfully completed oral examination in:
 - Christian experience of the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ and progress in spiritual growth
 - Theology and Sacraments
 - English Bible
 - The **Book of Order**
 - The Reformed Tradition
 - Nature of the office of the Teaching Elder
- 6. Candidate has successfully preached a sermon to the Presbytery on an assigned topic or Scripture
- 7. Candidate has provided a written statement of any exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms (G.12-4)
- 8. Candidate's written exceptions to the **Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms** have been (G.12-4):
 - Allowed Disallowed
 - Explanatory notes if disallowed:

Sample text for minutes (this section is not fillable):

Candidate _____, having completed the candidacy requirements prescribed in G.11-2 and having sustained written examinations and then oral examination before the _____ Committee, was presented to the Presbytery for examination for the office of Teaching Elder.

The Presbytery then proceeded to examine _____ in the areas required by *Book of Government* 12-2. On motion, the examination was arrested and the Candidate was excused. [*If a presbytery decides to arrest each area of examination separately, minutes should reflect that practice accordingly.*] On motion, the candidate's examination was sustained/not sustained [*Add explanatory notes if not sustained.*]

On motion, the Presbytery approved / did not approve _____'s sermon as demonstrating ability to expound the Word of God effectively (G.12-2D).

On motion, the candidate's exception(s) to the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechism were allowed/disallowed. [*Add explanatory notes as needed if disallowed*]