

Overture to 219th General Assembly (2010)

The Presbytery of Mission overtures the 219th General Assembly (2010) to affirm the role of Certified Christian Educators in the life of our denomination and to direct the Stated Clerk to send the proposed amendments to *The Book of Order* to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

1. G-11.0407 be amended as follows: (Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.)

“The stated clerk shall maintain five rolls, one listing the names of all the ministers of the Word and Sacrament who are continuing members of the presbytery and who are active members, one listing the names of all the ministers of the Word and Sacrament who are continuing members of the presbytery and who are members-at-large, one listing the names of all the ministers of Word and Sacrament who are continuing members of the presbytery and who are inactive members, one listing all Certified Christian Educators and Certified Associate Christian Educators within the bounds of the presbytery who are entitled to the privilege of the floor with voice *only* at all presbytery meetings, ~~during the term of service in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the presbytery,~~ *and in the case of Certified Christian Educators who are ordained elders, voice and vote,* and a fifth roll listing those who have been deleted from the other rolls. On or before December 31 of each year, the presbytery shall determine the category of membership of each continuing member in accordance with the relevant sections of this chapter and cause appropriate record of each determination to be made.

2. G-14.0730b be amended as follows: (Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.)

“provide the following support to the certified Christian educators; service of recognition that shall include the constitutional questions at W-4.4003 (G-11.0103n); establish minimum requirements for compensation and benefits (G-11.0103n); and access to the committee on ministry (G-11.0503). ~~The presbytery may grant the privilege of the floor to the Certified Christian Educator at all its meetings with voice only, and in the case of Certified Christian Educators who are ordained elders, voice and vote under the provisions of G-11.0101b.~~ *In accordance with G-11.0407 certified Christian educators are entitled to the privilege of the floor with voice only at all presbytery meetings, and in the case of Certified Christian Educators who are ordained elders, voice and vote.* ~~during the term of service in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the presbytery.~~

Rationale

Whereas Chapter 14 of *The Book of Order* was re-written and approved by the 217th General Assembly (2006), it created an inconsistency between G-11.0407 and G-14.0730b of the *Book of Order*. This overture seeks to bring the two references concerning the privileges granted to Certified Christian Educators into consistency.

Whereas the 218th General Assembly (2008) amended these two portions of the *Book of Order* with language that limits these privileges to only those certified Christian educators who are serving in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the presbytery, there are certified Christian educators who have faithfully served the church in other educational ministries not under the jurisdiction of the presbytery (synods, church-related colleges, other institutions, etc).

Whereas ministers of the Word and Sacrament, who are honorably retired, continue to serve the church in many forms of ministry and remain on the active roll of the presbytery, Certified Christian Educators, who have retired, also continue to serve the church in many forms of ministry and should remain on the presbytery's roll with the privilege of voice and vote (when an elder).