

Committee on Preparation for the Ministry
Report to Presbytery
August 24, 2007

Action items:

- 1. Motion: that the Presbytery approve the continued use of the process described in the Book of Order, 2005-2007, for guidelines for the work of this committee until the new advisory handbook to be produced by GA or an alternative is adopted by the presbytery.**

Explanation: The Book of Order, 2005-2007 has expired as of June 2007. The print version of the new Book of Order is not yet available. Additionally, the new Book of Order will contain mainly principles and requirements. Procedures for implementation are being moved to a new suggested manual which the presbytery may choose to adopt; if we choose not to do so, we will need to prepare and adopt our own manual. This motion, if approved, will allow us to continue operating as we have previously done until we decide on a new operating manual.

- 2. We move that Candidate Hana Johnson be certified as ready for ordination, pending the committee's receipt of the report on her Clinical Pastoral Education and pending her receipt of a call.**

Explanation: Hana was examined at the committee's meeting of June 1, and the committee is convinced that she has fulfilled all the requirements listed in G-14.0310b(1-4).

Information items:

1. Inquirer Renee Roederer was approved by the committee to be moved to Candidacy. This action will be moved to presbytery at the meeting of Dec. 6; she cannot appear at the present meeting, as her sitting for ordination exams conflicts. Assuming that she is approved in December. The official date of the beginning of her candidacy will be June 1, the date she was approved by the committee, as established by presbytery policy.
2. Annual consultations were conducted with Inquirer Jeff Moles, Inquirer Sue Nickol, and Inquirer Margaret Coggin at the retreat of June 1-2. In addition, Inquirer Kathy Wolfe came to the committee for a brief consultation.
3. Inquirer Sarah Cochran was approved to be enrolled as a candidate. This action will be moved at the presbytery meeting of Dec. 6 and she will be presented to presbytery for examination. Like Renee Roederer, she cannot be at the present meeting since her sitting for ordination exams conflicts. If she is approved in December, the date of beginning of her year of candidacy will become August 15, the date of approval by the committee, as provided by in presbytery policy.