

## EDUCATION AND CANDIDACY

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### I. Candidacy Committee

#### A. *Materials*

1. Candidacy Committee – deferred from 2020 (sections III-V, including), pp. 371-79
2. Candidacy Committee Supplement – deferred from 2020, p. 381
3. Candidacy Committee – deferred from 2021 (section III), pp. 382-83
4. Candidacy Committee Supplement – deferred from 2021, pp. 386-87
5. Candidacy Committee (sections II-III), pp. 269-73
6. Candidacy Committee Supplement (sections I-III, and V)

B. *Privilege of the floor*: Susan LaClear, director of Candidacy, and to an additional member of the Candidacy Committee, if one is present, when the Candidacy Committee report is discussed.

#### C. *Recommendations*

1. That synod endorse, via inclusion in the Journey Toward Ordination document, the strategy of requiring the MEPMC in Article 8 cases when it seems debatable that a “sustained and realistic” search effort has been put forth or that the situation is in need of contextualization (2020).
2. That synod approve the revisions to Church Order Supplement, Article 24-a as noted below, and that synod also take note of a transitional statement to be included in the Commissioned Pastor Handbook:

#### **Revisions to Church Order Supplement, Article 24-a (noted by *italics* and ~~strikethrough~~)**

Commissioned pastors may serve in positions of solo leadership in an established church only in specific circumstances. *Three of these* circumstances were specified before 2019 in Church Order Articles 23-b, 23-c, and 23-d. *A fourth was adopted by Synod 2018. All four* ~~and~~ are now presented and explained in the Commissioned Pastor Handbook (*sections IV, I and J*). A classis may decide to make such appointments contingent upon implementation of a learning plan leading toward meeting the qualifications for minister of the Word, as described in Church Order Article 24-b. In all cases in which a commissioned pastor serves in a solo leadership position in an emerging or organized church, it is mandatory that such a person, in cooperation with classis, shall develop and complete a contextualized learning plan for denominational orientation, adopted by classis and approved by the Candidacy Committee, as described in the Commissioned Pastor Handbook.

**To be added at the end of section IV, I in the Commissioned Pastor Handbook as a transition to section IV, J:**

*To summarize, there are three scenarios, formerly noted in the Church Order and still valid, by which a commissioned pastor may serve as a lead or solo pastor in an established church. There is also a fourth scenario, referred to unofficially as a “bridge ordination,” to which we now turn our attention.*

3. That synod rejoice in the provision of a new director of candidacy, Rev. Susan E. LaClear (Supplement 2021).
4. That synod note with appreciation the extensive work of the EPMC Facilitation Team in implementing changes to the EPMC program.
5. That synod declare the following persons (listed in section I, A) as candidates for ministry in the Christian Reformed Church:

Sheri L. Admiraal  
 Brad D. B. Bootsma  
 Kristy L. Bootsma  
 Tricia L. Bosma  
 Stewart J. De Jong  
 Mark D. Elffers  
 Ryan L. Farrell  
 Matthew D. Guichelaar  
 Rebecca G. Hall  
 Carol E. Hulin  
 Minho Jake Jeong  
 Jelle H. Koersen  
 Aleah M. Marsden  
 Jacob A. Patton  
 Mario R. Perez, Jr.  
 Micah P. Ringelberg  
 Nicole M. Romero  
 Joseph J. Steenholdt  
 Zachary J. Toth  
 Jodi F. VanWingerden  
 Wendy J. Werkman  
 Benjamin H. Wimmers  
 Anthony Vander Schaaf

6. That synod approve the extensions of candidacy for the following individuals as recommended in section I, B of the Candidacy Committee Supplement:

Yoon Chul (Daniel) Choi  
 Brad S. Diekema  
 Joshua L. Grimes  
 Timothy Joo  
 Kennedy Muli Kailiti  
 Eunice Kim  
 Jooheyng “David” Kim

Hannah Ryou Lee  
Daniel Meyers  
Loice Mueni Minito  
Matthew Mulder  
Paul Seonmok Park  
William S. Roelofs  
Kent A. Sanders  
Ivan K. Santoso  
Lynn Song  
Evan J. Tinklenberg  
Rebecca L. Tjapkes  
Ryan A.K. VanderWees  
Thomas J. Van Wyk  
Lea A. Wilkening

7. That synod approve the reinstatement of candidacy of Klaas Walhout and of Kiseok (Daniel) Kang as described in section I, C of the Candidacy Committee Supplement.
8. That synod approve the action of the Candidacy Committee in declaration of need for those listed in section II of the Candidacy Committee Supplement for affiliation under Church Order Article 8.
9. That synod take note of the modifications the Candidacy Committee has made to candidacy requirements, explained in section III of the Supplement report.