

ORDINATION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Last year, you voted to have a task force explore how to implement the new class of licensed minister into the ordination process. After meeting for the last few months here are the proposals we are recommending to General Conference this year.

Recommendation 1

- Change the status of the licensure category from Pastor to Minister.

Recommendation 2

- The creation of a pathway to licensure with adjustments to the pathway to ordination to be developed by the NBO. The licensure pathway must be completed within two years of being called by a local Brethren congregation.

Recommendation 3

- A check-in evaluation for the licensed minister and ordained elder on a triennial basis to be developed and be maintained by the National Board of Oversight and to be implemented by the Regional Leadership Teams.

Recommendation 4

- Changes to *A Manual of Procedure*, which require a sole or lead pastor to be licensed or ordained, clarify and differentiate the roles of commissioned, licensed, and ordained pastors, and clarify the distinction between elder and lay delegates at conference.

Recommendation 5

- With the vote upon of the above recommendations, to disband the Ordination Task Force.

We look forward to discussing these recommendations with you further in the Business Sessions.

Sincerely,
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