

Report of the Examinations Task Group to Presbytery

January 24, 2012

Formation

The need for the Task Group was explained to Presbytery at the November Presbytery meeting by Council Moderator Jane DeFord. The charge for the Task Group is to recommend a design for two essential practices for the Presbytery:

1. The design of our Examination process for already ordained Teaching elders and for Candidates who have been invited to accept calls or contracts to congregations in the Presbytery, those seeking approval for validated ministry, and those seeking welcome into our fellowship and approval for pulpit supply or other periodic service.
2. The design of models for Sessions for nominating, training, and examining Ruling Elders and Deacons.

Members

The members of the Task Group are:

Teaching Elders:

Ed Aponte, Bob Bronkema, Jane DeFord, Ann Hatfield, Marion Haynes-Weller, Jen Howat, Roger Rabey, David Willerup, and Michael Wilson

Ruling Elders:

Kristen Gerling, Ken Hickman, Leah Johnson, and Melissa Matheson

Co-Chairs are Rev. Bob Bronkema and Elder Ken Hickman

Status

The Task Group already has met once and begun work on the Examination Process for Teaching Elders and Candidates. Work on the examination process for ruling elders and deacons will follow. The Task Group hopes to bring recommendations to the June Presbytery meeting.