

## **Commission on Ministry- Presbytery of Carlisle Policy on Making Exceptions in Calling a Pastor**

The Book of Order states in section G-2.0504a ....”An Associate Pastor is ordinarily not eligible to be the next installed Pastor of that congregation.” It also states in section G-2.0504b ....”a Teaching Elder employed in a Temporary pastoral relationship is ordinarily not eligible to serve as the next pastor installed Pastor, Co-Pastor or Associate Pastor.

However in G-2.0504c the Book of Order states

### *c. Exceptions*

“A presbytery may determine that its mission strategy permits a teaching elder currently called as an Associate Pastor to be eligible to serve as the next installed pastor or co-pastor, or a teaching elder employed in a temporary pastoral relationship to be eligible to serve as the next installed pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor. Presbyteries that permit this eligibility shall establish such relationships only by a three-fourths vote of the members of presbytery present and voting.”

Below is the policy of the Commission on Ministry in regard to dealing with this allowed exception.

The Pastor or Associate Pastor Nominating Committee of a particular congregation, shall produce a written report listing their justifications and rationale as to why this is an exceptional case. The representatives of the PNC (APNC) along with the Candidate shall meet with the Commission on Ministry and present their request for exception both orally and in written form.

The Commission on Ministry after meeting with the PNC (APNC) and the Candidate may pass along the request for exception to the presbytery at a regularly stated meeting. The PNC (APNC) will present a written and oral report to the presbytery as to why the exception should be granted. The presbytery may examine the Candidate at the meeting. The Presbytery may vote to grant the exception and establish the pastoral relationship by an affirmative vote of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the members of presbytery present and voting, prior to the approval of the Call by the congregation.