

The CPM recommends to Heartland Presbytery:

- 1) That an alternate Bible Content Exam be offered to Candidate Rodger Nishioka. The standard exam is not appropriate for Dr. Nishioka because he served on the task force to review all of the questions from previous Bible Content Exams 2011-2013 and 2015-2017. He has seen all of the questions and a high percentage of questions are re-used.

Bible Content Exam:

That in place of the standard BCE, Dr. Nishioka write an essay question for each of the following sections from the BCE:

Pentateuch

Historical Books

Prophets

Psalms/Wisdom Literature

Gospels

Acts and Pauline letters

The General Epistles and Revelation

The questions should demonstrate an understanding of the overarching content and themes of each section. This exam will be evaluated by the CPM and Rodger will be questioned orally about them.

- 2) That the time limit listed in G 2.0602 be waived for Candidate Rodger Nishioka. The CPM strongly believes that the purpose of the time requirement, as listed in *G-2.0604*, has been met.

Book of Order citations:

G-2.0602 Time Requirements

To be enrolled as an inquirer, the applicant shall be a member of the sponsoring congregation, shall have been active in the work and worship of that congregation for at least six months, and shall have received the endorsement of the session of the sponsoring congregation.

G-2.0604 Purpose of Candidacy

The purpose of the candidacy phase is to provide for the full preparation of persons to serve the church as **ministers of the Word and Sacrament**. This shall be accomplished through the presbytery's support, guidance, and evaluation of a candidate's fitness and readiness for a call to ministry requiring ordination.

G-2.0607 Final Assessment and Negotiation for Service

d. examination materials, together with evaluations that declare those materials satisfactory in the areas covered by any standard ordination examination approved by the General Assembly. Such examinations shall be prepared and administered by a body created by the presbyteries.

G-2.0610 Accommodations to Particular Circumstances

When a presbytery concludes there are good and sufficient reasons for accommodations to the particular circumstances of an individual seeking ordination, it may, by a three-fourths vote, waive any of the requirements for ordination in G-2.06, except for those of G-2.0607d. If a presbytery judges that there are good and sufficient reasons why a candidate should not be required to satisfy the requirements of G-2.0607d, it shall approve by three-fourths vote some alternate means by which to ascertain the readiness of the candidate for ministry in the areas covered by the standard ordination examinations. A full account of the reasons for any waiver or alternate means to ascertain readiness shall be included in the minutes of the presbytery and communicated to the presbytery to which an inquirer or candidate may be transferred.

Item for information:

1. Katherine Friedel from Rolling Hills, OP, KS and Molly Ramsey from Village Presbyterian, PV, KS were enrolled as Inquirers.