

Committee on Preparation for Ministry
February 14, 2026

On Motion: CPM requests Presbytery's approval for the use of alternate examinations for Worship and Sacraments, Exegesis, and Theology for Haley Ingram Onken, using the guidelines from the Task Force on Theology and Practice of Ordination.

Rationale for the Motion:

Acknowledging ministry candidates have varied testing and examination needs due to a spectrum of learning styles, the PC (USA) developed a task force to create and offer alternative testing methods which still examine the candidates understanding and competency in the areas of Presbyterian polity, Exegesis, Theology and Worship & Sacraments.

The Task Force on Theology and Practice of Ordination is currently giving the recommendation to the General Assembly. The alternative exams will be in the form of a portfolio crafted in the area of examination required for the exam. The candidate would then present the portfolio of work orally upon examination.

Recognizing that Haley has had success with a past alternate exam created within this Presbytery in the area of Bible Content that was an orally presented project-based portfolio, CPM feels that this is a suitable course of action in the remaining 3 areas of testing for her.