

Key Reflections on New G-6.0106 b

- Most Important: the new language **reframes ordination** from a rejection of sin and sinfulness, to an affirmation of ordination standards that “reflect the churches’ desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life.”
- Sessions and presbyteries retain the historic, **independent authority** to determine the suitability of candidates.
- Within a presbytery, particular congregations may have very different criteria as to what **suitability** means in their context, subject to guidance of Scripture and the confessions, church-wide standards, and commitment of the constitutional questions (W-4.4003).
- Moral assessment of people’s relationships and lifestyles are **part of** the assessment of suitability determined by each Session and Presbytery.

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