

Possible Responses to Book of Order Amendment 10-A

| <u>Option</u> | <u>Addresses:</u> | | |
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| | <u>Local Con- gregation</u> | <u>Ministers in Crisis</u> | <u>Presbytery Policies</u> |
| 1. Remain in Mission Presbytery, incorporating open ordination standards into the congregation's nominating process and examinations for its officers and new pastors. | X | — | X |
| 2. Remain in Mission Presbytery, with the Session taking the position of "taking no position." | — | — | — |
| 3. Remain in Mission Presbytery and take no formal action to leave the presbytery or the denomination, instead choosing to maintain the previous ordination standards within our congregation. | X | — | — |
| 4. Remain in Mission Presbytery and press for the presbytery to return to previous ordination standards that include "fidelity in marriage and chastity in singleness." | X | — | X |
| 5. Request that Mission Presbytery recognize each local church's "statement of expectations for church leaders" to be used by the individual church for nominating candidates for elder and deacon, and by the presbytery's Committee on Ministry in examination of candidates for minister of the word and sacrament for that congregation. | X | X | X |
| 6. Request that Mission Presbytery adopt a proposal coming out of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly's Office, which would create "Affiliate Memberships" for persons with a crisis of conscience in presbyteries, and provide for the creation of separate governing commissions, such as the Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation for Ministry, within each presbytery. | — | X | X |
| 7. Join with other churches in seeking to organize a new presbytery, remaining within the denomination but developing a formal structure for congregations to align with either Mission Presbytery having a more open ordination standard or with the new presbytery having the traditional ordination standard. | X | X | X |
| 8. Request dismissal from Mission Presbytery to join another reformed body that is more conservative theologically (the Presbyterian Church in America, the Cumberland | | | |

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| Presbyterian Church, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, the Reformed Church in America, or another group that may be formed by Presbyterian congregations across the nation). | X | X | X |
| 9. Leave the denomination and become an independent church with no formal denominational affiliation, but open to possible informal association with other theologically-aligned congregations. | X | X | X |