



# PC(USA) ORDINATION EXAMS

## POSSIBLE DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS

### BIBLE CONTENT EXAM

- Extended time
- Distraction-reduced setting (exam still needs to be proctored)
- Reader (to read questions and response options out loud to candidate)

*\*NOTE: All of the above can be determined by a presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) or equivalent, and do not need to be voted on by the whole presbytery.*

The possibilities and means for approving alternative means of demonstrating ministry competency are available through Book of Order provisions (G-2.0610), with the processes detailed in the Advisory Handbook on Preparation for Ministry PC(USA).

### SENIOR ORDINATION EXAMS (POLITY, THEOLOGY, WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS, EXEGESIS)

**“Oral Component”:** A candidate may take the written exams as usual (with any CPM-approved accommodations), then, after each is evaluated, they may orally expound upon their answers for any/all of the exams by a CPM-created panel of three people. (This process is detailed in the Advisory Handbook Release 2.0.)

*\*NOTE: This accommodation can be determined by a presbytery's CPM (or equivalent), and **does not** need to be voted on by the whole presbytery.*

**“Alternate Means”** involves a candidate doing something other than the usual written exam (in one or more areas) to demonstrate ministry competencies and readiness. Examples of possible alternate means of assessment (like leading a “mock session meeting” for the polity exam, etc.) can be found in the Advisory Handbook 2.0.

*\*NOTE: This accommodation needs to be approved by the presbytery and requires a three-fourths vote. Motion should include three components: (a) reason why standard exams are not appropriate; (b) alternative means of assessment that will be used; (c) who will evaluate.*

Currently, **extended time is not a possible accommodation** for the 9-hour ordination exams or for the exegesis exam. If a candidate needs extended time on these exams, they may want to explore taking it by “alternate means.”

For more information, consult: the Book of Order (G-2.0610), the Advisory Handbook on Preparation for Ministry PC(USA) Release 2.0, and Advisory Handbook on Preparation for Ministry PC(USA), Release 2.1.