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ENDORSEMENT POLICY

In addition to:

- 1) Approved Documents (e.g., The Constitution of the EPC, Position Papers, and Pastoral Letters) that express the mind of the Assembly;
- 2) Fraternal Relationships (Acts of the Assembly 84-06);
- 3) Cooperative Mission agencies; and
- 4) Approved Missions Agencies (Acts of the Assembly 87-02);

the Assembly and its committees may deem it wise to recommend other resources to its churches as valuable aids for their ministries. All committee recommendations shall be reported to the National Leadership Team, which has the right to overrule. In making such recommendations, the Assembly and its committees shall use the following categories and criteria:

Approved Agencies/Organizations

Assembly committees may recommend resource agencies/organizations for approval by the General Assembly. Such agencies/organizations shall meet the following criteria:

1. An explicit statement of faith compatible with EPC confessional standards;
2. Exhibits both evangelical and Reformed theology in doctrine and practice;
3. Ministry objectives compatible with the vision, purpose, and goals of the recommending committee and the General Assembly;
4. Financial credibility as measured by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability or by comparable standards.

Approved agencies/organizations may be listed on the EPC website. The Office of the General Assembly and Assembly committees may explore and implement areas of cooperative ministry with approved agencies/organizations, subject to the operational policies of the General Assembly.

Committee Endorsed Resources

Assembly committees may endorse resources (e.g., print, audio/visual, or curriculum.) An endorsed resource shall meet the following criteria:

1. An explicit statement of faith compatible with EPC confessional standards and/or demonstrates both evangelical and Reformed theology;
2. Compatible with the vision, purpose, and goals of the endorsing committee and the General Assembly;

The committees may add annotations to their endorsements. Endorsed resources may be included, with their annotations, on the EPC website or in other communications.

Committee Commended Resources

Assembly committees may commend resources (e.g., agencies, print, audio/visual, curriculum). Commended resources shall meet the following criteria:

1. A statement of faith consistent with the *EPC Essentials of Our Faith* and/or demonstrates biblical, orthodox theology consistent with the belief and practice of the EPC;
2. Not necessarily Reformed in its theology;
3. Compatible with the mission, vision, and goals of the recommending committee and the General Assembly;

Committees may add annotations to their commendations. Commended resources may be included, with their annotations, on the EPC website or in other communications. Prior to implementing cooperative ministries with commended agencies, the committee shall secure the approval of the National Leadership Team.

General Guidelines

Permanent committees will establish review procedures for agencies, organizations, and/or resources they have approved, endorsed, or commended to ensure that they continue to meet the criteria above. In cases in which Assembly committees find that reviewed resources do not meet criteria for approval, endorsement, or commendation, they shall report the removal of their recommendation. Specific shortcomings shall be noted in committee minutes.

Grounds: This updated Endorsement Policy will aid the Assembly as it seeks to accomplish its mission, vision, and goals.