



Doing Your Part

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Dear friend,

You may have noticed that the voting on Amendment B has narrowed. As of today, the vote is 36 to adopt the amendment and 47 against the amendment.

This is a vote that we cannot afford to sit out. It requires the participation of every minister and elder eligible to vote. I heard on Tuesday from a Clerk of Session who was not able to get the date of the vote in her presbytery (Philadelphia) either from her presbytery office or from the presbytery's website. Please contact me if that happens in your presbytery. We will make every effort to assist you.

Amendment B does more than remove the current ordination standards

This is not a simple up or down vote on sexual standards for ordination. It is much more. Amendment B replaces the grace of the Gospel with the candidate's "sincere efforts." It separates Scripture from the will of Christ. It creates a radical change in our theology.

Don't miss the newly-posted article on our website by theologian [Wolfhart Pannenberg](#). He warns that a church that changes its teaching on homosexuality has to know that it is promoting schism-separating itself from the Church throughout history and around the world. Such a church, he says, "would stand no longer on biblical ground but against the unequivocal witness of Scripture. A church that took this step would cease to be the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church."

New resources available

I encourage you to visit our [website](#) for developing information and resources on this vote. In one of our new resources, Sue Cyre describes [details of the process](#) that contributed to the defeat of Amendment B in Presbytery of the James. You will find ideas for actions you can take in your own presbytery.

Cyre mentions letters sent, phone calls made, presentations at the presbytery meeting, and work that led to an orderly process at the meeting. It was a fair and clear vote in Presbytery of the James. Efforts to get out the vote were critical to the outcome.

We have added a category of resources to our webpage on the Campaign to Defeat Amendment B. It is called "[What's Happening in Presbyteries on Amendment B.](#)" We hope you will find that, along with our other resources, helpful in planning for the vote in your presbytery.

We want to help

Please call me if I can be of help to you. I'll be happy to help you find a speaker, to come and meet with a group in your presbytery, or to discuss plans with you by phone.

In all of this, we look to Jesus Christ to shed the light of the Gospel on us all and preserve the truth that is so essential to knowing how to please the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

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