

Process of Being Under Care of Grace Presbytery

Seek to Begin Discernment

- Must have been active in worship and work of sponsoring congregation for 6 months (G-2.0602)
- Must be member of sponsoring congregation
- Approach Session and request endorsement

Session Orientation (G-2.0601, G-2.0605)

- CPM meets with session for orientation
- Session agrees that joint discernment warranted
- Session sends recommendation to CPM (Form 1D)

Consideration for Enrollment

- Psychological Exams
- Application Paperwork (Forms 1A, 1B, 1B-1, 1C, educational transcripts & cover letter with reflection on sense of call)
- Proof of Insurance
- Meet with CPM for interview (Form 2A and if enrolled under care 2B)
- Release from theological institution

Covenant Agreement

- Education for Ministry
- Spiritual Development
- Interpersonal Relations
- Personal Growth
- Professional Development
- Form 2A sent to inquirer, theological institution and home church session

Feedback from Connectional Church

- CPM
- Theological Institution
- Session
- Field Education and CPE Supervisors

Measure Growth

- Bible Content Exam (After Complete 1 Year of Seminary)
- CPM Consultations (at least annually, Forms 3, 1C, 4, current transcripts)
- Six Outcomes of Inquiry Analysis
- Update from session and theological institution

Recommended for Candidacy

- Through consult with CPM liaison and session liaison recommend inquirer for candidacy (Forms 5A, 1C, Grace Presbytery Questions for Application for Candidacy, Current transcripts, Form 5B including letter of rationale from session per G-2.0603, Proof of Insurance)
- Inquirer meets with CPM (Form 5C and if recommended as candidate Form 5D)
- Candidacy Examination at Presbytery Meeting

Full Preparation

- Individual goals set and reviewed (with CPM and session liaison)
- Growing edges addressed
- Ordination exams
- Preaching before CPM including exegesis and context analysis
- One Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education
- Internship/Field Education in PC(USA) Congregation

Readiness for Examination and Ordination

- Outcomes of Candidacy reviewed
- PIF prepared and reviewed
- Current transcripts
- Proof of Insurance
- Statement of Faith updated and approved
- Final Assessment Completed (Forms 1C and 6)