

CPM Process Flowchart

INQUIRY

Requirements: Member of and active in home church for at least 6 months
Session endorsement (see CPM Manual)
Completion of all required forms (see CPM Manual)
Transcripts of all academic work completed beyond high school
Three letters of reference (see CPM Manual)
Psychological evaluation (see CPM Manual)

Timing: Begins on date approved by CPM or sub-committee

CANDIDACY

Requirements: Session endorsement (see CPM Manual)
Completion of one field education experience and final report
Completion of all required forms (see CPM Manual)
Paragraph on each of the ordination questions (see CPM Manual)
Updated transcripts (any updates since Inquiry interview)

Examination before presbytery: You must speak briefly (about 3 minutes) before presbytery about your Christian faith, Christian service, and motives for seeking ordination as a teaching elder. Presbytery will then vote to receive you as a candidate, and if so, you will be asked to respond to the candidacy questions.

*Timing: Begins when received by presbytery (meets Feb., July, and Oct.)

FINAL ASSESSMENT

Requirements: Satisfactory grade on all standard ordination exams
Submit a written sermon and exegetical notes
Preach that sermon to the CPM
Written personal statement of faith
Draft of your Personal Information Form (PIF)
Final transcripts showing completion of your seminary education

Timing: Begins when certified ready to receive a call by CPM

ORDINATION (Examined and ordained by Presbytery – not CPM)

Annual Consultation – Every Inquiry and Candidate must meet with a representative of the CPM once every year to complete an annual consultation.

Other Requirements

- All documentation MUST be complete and received by the Presbytery office NO LATER than ONE MONTH prior to meeting with the CPM
- All documentation MUST be in 12 point font or larger

* Candidacy begins on the date of the presbytery meeting at which you are received as a candidate. Because presbytery only meets three times a year, the timing of becoming a candidate is critical to the timing of final assessment and ordination.