

**Process to use when a
PNC chooses a candidate who is
Certified ready to be examined for ordination
To the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
From another Presbytery**

Key Assumptions/Principles:

- We are a connectional system. We will seek to walk a line that trusts the work of other presbyteries without giving up our responsibilities for gate-keeping.
- We will seek to have a hospitable process – welcoming potential new colleagues, giving them unambiguous messages about process, and building solid relationships that have potential support for them in their new setting.
- We want to help the potential pastor put their best foot forward and be the best pastor they can be.
- We want to establish cooperative relationships with PNCs.
- We want to limit the number of trips to the area and the cost to PNCs.

Process:

Prior to neutral pulpit:

- Executive will do executive check.
- COM liaison will do check with regard to suitability to the position, and CPM will do a check with the candidate's CPM with regard to fulfillment of the requirements for ordination and receive the recommendation of the responsible committee of call. CPM will also request any necessary documentation including certification of a diploma from a theological institution as well as evidence of a Bachelors' degree and written letter of certification for readiness for ordination pending a call.

PNC will choose their candidate and bring their recommendation to the COM.

COM will examine the candidate as per G-11.0402 and approve them for membership

- PNC can tell the congregation, and proceed to set the candidating Sunday and election.
- COM liaison will ask the candidate to submit their statement of faith electronically for the CPM and COM reports to the Presbytery.
- CPM will appoint a liaison to coach a candidate from another presbytery for their examination for ordination.
- COM liaison will request response for the "faith and practice questions."

The candidate will preach their sermon from their final assessment (to fulfill the requirements of G-14.0402 and G14-0305j(6)) as a part of a pre-presbytery event hosted by CPM.

The CPM & COM will jointly *present the candidate to the Presbytery* for examination for ordination. CPM will present motions to presbytery regarding ordination and COM will present motions regarding the call and presbytery members.

If the candidate wishes to be ordained in this Presbytery, CPM will present those plans for approval of the Presbytery as well. Such plans need to be approved by the CPM prior to going to the Presbytery. Otherwise, COM will request that the Presbytery of care be asked to ordain the candidate. If they want to be ordained and installed at the same service, such plans will be processed through the COM.

Other:

- CPM will write an overture for General Assembly to remove the requirement from the Book of Order that the calling presbytery must hear the candidate preach the sermon they submitted for their final assessment.