

EXAMINATION PROCESS:

As we work to make Presbytery meetings more relevant, creative and helpful to commissioners as we report, debate and consider issues and decisions, the Committee on Ministry (COM) is experimenting with a different approach to the examination of candidates.

We encourage all commissioners to keep an open mind. Feedback is welcomed.

Our process for examining candidates for ordination and membership in the presbytery and candidates for membership will be as follows:

- A member of COM will introduce each candidate and offer a very brief synopsis of the process up to this point and why COM is commending him or her to the presbytery for ordination and/or membership.
- The candidates will each be asked to respond to the following questions (which they received beforehand):

What do you believe are your own specific gifts and talents and the specific calling of the congregation that will make you good partners in ministry?

What is your understanding of the minister's role as prophet and pastor today? How do you envision helping your people interpret the signs of the times?

- Candidates will then respond to any significant questions or concerns from the floor
- Candidates will then be excused and the presbytery will confer together for up to 10 minutes and then vote on each candidate separately.

At any point, if the presbytery needs more time it is always in order for a commissioner to move to extend the examination or debate for "X" minutes.