

HELPFUL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CANDIDACY, COMMISSIONING, ORDINATION

Candidacy

Online process by invitation from DS

Steps Into Candidacy

Meetings with District Committee on Ministry (dCOM)

Meetings with candidacy mentor

Online enrollment process

Criminal Background, Social Security & Credit Check & Psychological Testing

Recommendation by Home Church

Approval by District Committee on Ministry (dCOM)

Seminary

Scholarship money available for certified candidates who are full time in seminary

MEF money

GBHEM (General Board of Higher Education & Ministry)

Others soon to be identified

Commissioning

Must be certified candidate for at least one year before eligible to apply

District Committee on Ministry must recommend for commissioning

Must complete seminary before the actual commissioning service

Must complete one basic unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) prior to commissioning

Commissioning Orientation each year in August for candidates recommended for commissioning

Interview packets distributed

Written Assignments

Disciplinary Questions, Supplemental Questions, Self Evaluation and Spiritual Reflections

New Member Outline

References

Financial, Medical, Psychological, Notarized Disclaimer, PDI, Background/Credit Check, Photo

Sermon Video & Manuscript

After Commissioning

Under appointment

Participate in Residency in Ministry (RIM)

Three overnight "conferences"-January, May & September

Monthly Covenant Group meetings

Monthly meeting with RIM Mentor (not the candidacy mentor)

Mid-Year Site Visits and Interviews

Site visit packets distributed at spring RIM Conference

Written Assignments (Disciplinary, Spiritual Reflections, Self Evaluation, Supplemental Questions)

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Interview Team visits ministry setting and visits with church leadership and staff

Ordination

Must have participated three years in Residency in Ministry Program (See Brochure)

Ordination packets distributed at spring RIM Conference for third year residents

Written Assignments: Disciplinary Questions, Supplemental Questions, Self Evaluation and

Spiritual Reflections & Bible Study Outline or Deacon Paper

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For Deacons

Helpful Things to Know About Deacons

Appointment Process for Deacons Serving in Local Church

Behavioral Health Guidelines (See Handout)