



We welcome you to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. All ministry in the Church is a gift from Jesus Christ. All who are called to serve do so under the mandate of Christ, who is the chief minister. As well, all serve in the context of the community of our denomination with its agreed upon polity.

As we begin this journey with you to explore God's call upon your life, we want you to understand that we covenant to walk with you in this exciting process. This includes seminary, practical ministry experiences, national exams, and more. We want to be supportive through the process so you will be able to discern God's will for you. To help a person understand the journey, we have enclosed our training manual. It describes the process found in the Book of Order.

As you are planning, we want to alert you to the special requirements of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina. Each candidate working toward ordination in our denomination is expected to attend a PC(USA) seminary for at least a year (which includes a course in reformed theology and church government), have supervised ministry and clinical pastoral education (CPE).

We also want you to be aware that in order to be ordained, you must be able to affirm the ordination vows and meet the qualifications outlined in chapter four of the Book of Order (see enclosed). After reviewing these materials, if there is anything that needs clarification or an area in your life that might prevent your compliance with these requirements, we encourage you to discuss that with your pastor and our committee so you may be guided in your understanding of God's call.

Please include the enclosed form in the materials you return to the Presbytery office. If you have any questions, let us know.

Sincerely,

Merri Alexander

Merri Alexander, Chair
Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Attachments: Book of Order Vows - W-4.0404
Book of Order Qualifications - G-2.0104
Presbytery WNC Requirements

My signature below indicates that I have reviewed the Presbytery requirements and understand the vows and qualifications of ordination and that I know I will be expected to meet the Presbytery requirements, affirm the ordination vows and comply with the qualifications for ordained office in the PC(USA). If I have any questions, I will share those with my pastor, CPM liaison or the committee.

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Signature	Print Name	Date