



FINAL ASSESSMENT OF READINESS TO BEGIN MINISTRY

You may apply for the Final Assessment when you have met (or nearly met) the following requirements (G-14.0450): two years of theological education; an annual consultation within the past 12 months; two internships that CPM has approved; a course of study at a theological institution approved by CPM demonstrating competency in Greek and Hebrew language as well as exegesis using those languages; you have achieved satisfactory grades in all 5 ordination exams.

Deliver the following documents to the presbytery office, or else make sure that they are already there: Form 6, page 36, top half.; official undergraduate transcript; the most recent seminary transcript; all field education evaluations; a completed Personal Information Form (PIF); the papers for all ordination exams that you have taken, whether you passed them or not; a written sermon, together with a description of the contemporary need to which it is addressed, and an exegetical interpretation of the biblical material out of which the sermon arose; a statement of faith.

The statement of faith must be about one page in length; it must contain no supplementary comments or footnotes. The statement must be your own thoughts. The final statement of faith must express theological views compatible with the confessional documents of the church. Appropriate topics include (but are not limited to) God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, human nature and sin, grace, sacraments, church, Scripture, and the mission of the church.

For more details of the final assessment, please consult the "Guide to the Preparation Process in the Presbytery of the James."

***SUMMARY REPORT OF FINAL ASSESSMENT OF CANDIDATE'S
READINESS TO BE EXAMINED FOR ORDINATION***

NAME OF CANDIDATE _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

CURRENT ADDRESS _____
(STREET OR PO BOX) (CITY) (STATE) (ZIP CODE)

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

PRESBYTERY OF CARE: _____ The Presbytery of the James _____

NAME OF MODERATOR OF COMMITTEE
ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY _____ Jack Corley _____

NAME OF CPM LIAISON: _____

CERTIFICATION OF READINESS

A FINAL ASSESSMENT OF THE ABOVE NAMED CANDIDATE'S READINESS TO RECEIVE A CALL WAS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY. THE COMMITTEE HAS DETERMINED THAT THE CANDIDATE HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY PROCESS, AS SET FORTH IN G-14.0450 OF THE *BOOK OF ORDER*, AND IS NOW CERTIFIED AS READY, PENDING A CALL, TO BE EXAMINED FOR ORDINATION.

SIGNATURE OF MODERATOR OF CPM _____

DATE OF CPM REPORT TO PRESBYTERY _____

***CPM will copy and mail this page to:
Stated Clerk of the Calling Presbytery
For Referral to Appropriate Committee and
Retain a Copy for Candidate's File***

ENCLOSURES AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(SEND TO A CALLING PRESBYTERY)

- 1) When requested by the calling presbytery, send a summary of the Final Assessment of the above named candidate's readiness in all respects to receive a call, as provided in G-14.0450.
- 2) Summary of the issues and recommendations of each of the previous annual consultations.
- 3) Transcripts of satisfactory grades at a regionally accredited college and theological institution.
- 4) Official statement of satisfactory grades in the five examinations covered by the Presbyteries Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates.
- 5) The candidate's statement of personal faith to be presented to the presbytery.
- 6) Written sermon, together with a description of the contemporary need to which it was addressed and an exegetical interpretation of the biblical material out of which the sermon arose.
- 7) Summary of any additional agreements or requirements (if any) established between presbytery's committee and the candidate.
- 8) Exceptions and/or waivers (if any) which have been approved by presbytery and/or synod action (G-14.0470 - .0474).
- 9) In order to ensure confidentiality and rights of privacy, Candidate's psychological tests and career counseling observations are not automatically to be transferred to a calling presbytery. Should such reports be requested they may be released to the appropriate person/committee of the calling presbytery only with written authorization by the Candidate.