

PROCEDURE FOR ORDINATION EXAMINATION AT PRESBYTERY MEETING

1. Candidate will preach a sermon to the presbytery (or portion of the presbytery)
2. Candidate will provide a brief written statement of faith and statement of commitment to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.
3. The Examinations Sub-Committee moderator will say:

"On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, we have examined this candidate in accordance with the Book of Order, and find that he/she has completed the trials for ordination in a manner acceptable to our committee. Having heard his/her sermon and statements of faith and sense of call, she/he has received the endorsement of the Committee on Ministry, we hereby recommend that he/she be examined by the Presbytery for ordination.

"Before we open the floor to questions, we will pose questions to the candidate in the areas of theology, Bible, the Sacraments, and the government of this church."

(Questions will be asked by the sub-committee moderator or designate, taken from several questions in each of the four areas, which have been given to the candidate for study prior to the presbytery meeting.)
4. After answering the four questions and any follow up questions, the floor will be opened for questions by the presbyters.
5. After an appropriate time of questioning, the sub-committee moderator will say:
 - ◆ Mr/Madam Moderator, we move that the sermon of _____ be sustained.
 - ◆ Mr/Madam Moderator, we move that the theological examination and statement of faith of _____ be sustained.
 - ◆ Mr/Madam Moderator, we move that the Biblical examination of _____ be sustained.
 - ◆ Mr/Madam Moderator, we move that the Worship and Sacraments examination of _____ be sustained.
 - ◆ Mr/Madam Moderator, we move that the examination on the Government of the Presbyterian Church of _____ be sustained.
 - ◆ (if there are no questions from the floor of presbytery on an area the motions to the moderator will be added together).
 - ◆ Mr/Madam Moderator, we move that the examination as a whole be sustained and that we move to ordain _____.
6. The candidate will be congratulated and may read his/her ordination commission.

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