

## Commission on Preparation for Ministry

### Purpose:

- To covenant with and guide the discernment of those who feel called to pastoral ministry

### Responsibilities:

- To act as a commission of the presbytery to enroll and advance inquirers through candidacy to readiness for ordination.
- To assess the skills and suitability of those who feel called to pastoral ministry.
- Dismiss inquirers/candidates in good standing, at their request, to other presbyteries.

### Membership:

- The Commission on Preparation for Ministry ordinarily consists of no fewer than six and no more than nine members, drawn from the congregations of the presbytery. Ordinarily the team will include both teaching and ruling elders, both male and female, and representative of the diversity of the congregations of the presbytery, in size, geography, demography, and theology.
- Members of the team are elected by the presbytery to serve a three year term, with the option of renewal for a successive term. For purposes of decision-making a quorum shall be two-thirds of the members of the team.

### Spiritual Gifts, Passion, and Qualifications:

- Skill and interest in mentoring others toward their full capacity
- Willingness to learn details of the process.
- Willing to engage in matters of church tradition, spiritual practices, theology and scripture.
- Able to deliver encouragement as well as constructive criticism
- Good communication skills
- one member or staff resource shall have professional background in vocational and psychological evaluation.