

Synod Selection For Ordained Ministries

PERIOD OF DISCERNMENT

- Having participated in a Period of Discernment through the Presbytery and, after reflection on the many ways of serving God and the Church, the individual discerns a call to Ordained Ministry.

APPLICANT INDICATES INTENTION TO APPLY

- Applicant indicates intention to apply in writing for candidature with Church Minister.
- Church Minister informs Presbytery of Applicant's intention to apply and provides Presbytery with a confidential reference on the Applicant to be included in the application (in addition to those requested in the application form).

PRESBYTERY AND CHURCH COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Presbytery ensures Church Council has Church Council Form. Presbytery supplies Applicant with Application Form.
- Presbytery makes sure that Applicant has read and acknowledged Formation material on website [Seeking Ordination FAQ's](#)
- Applicant submits completed Application Form to Presbytery.
- Church Council meets Applicant, votes and writes confidential report for Presbytery.
- Applicant has meeting with Presbytery.
- Presbytery decides if Applicant is ready to continue the discernment at the current year's Selection Conference.
- Presbytery conveys to Applicant and Selection Committee result of Presbytery Meeting.
- Presbytery sends Selection Committee all forms and reports created thus far.

The above needs to be undertaken before 15 July, 2026.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SYNOD SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR ORDAINED MINISTRIES

- Selection Committee contacts Applicant with list of selected psychologists.
- Applicant makes appointment with psychologist in August.
- Psychologist's confidential report is sent to the Selection Committee.

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- Applicant attends online information session provided by the Selection Committee and Pilgrim Theological College
- Applicant attends Selection Conference (20 September, 2026).
- Chairperson of Selection Panel contacts Applicant and Presbytery with outcome at conclusion of Selection Conference.

FINAL STAGES

- Presbytery contacts Applicant and Minister regarding decision by the Selection Conference Panel.
- Following affirmation to enter the candidature process the candidate meets with Pilgrim Formation Panel and Integration Coordinator.

