

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 their intention to apply for candidature in writing and sends to Church Minister. If there is no Minister of the Congregation refer to Reg 2.3.2 of the UCA Regulations.
- Church Minister informs Presbytery of Applicant's intention to apply and provides Presbytery with a confidential reference on the Applicant.

PRESBYTERY AND CHURCH COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Presbytery ensures Church Council has the Application to Become a Candidate for Minister of the Word or Deacon – Church Council Form. Presbytery supplies Applicant with Application Form.
- Presbytery makes sure that Applicant has read and acknowledged Formation material on website (www.ctm.uca.edu.au/ordination)
- 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 31 July.

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.

The above needs to be undertaken before 30 September.

- Applicant attends Selection Conference (22 October - 24 October 2021).
- 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 Ministry Coordinator.

