

Presbytery of San Jose — Committee on Preparation for Ministry Final Review

In Preparation for Your Final Review with the Committee:

1. You will submit a statement of faith.

- ❑ Your statement should be in your own words as much as possible, understanding it is difficult not to use tried and true theological words.
- ❑ Your statement should be no longer than one page, single-spaced
- ❑ Submit this statement to the committee **at least** one week before the meeting date.
- ❑ These are the things you want to consider including and be sensitive too:
 - Inclusive language where that does not change your belief.
 - An understanding of the Trinity.
 - Who God the Father/Creator is and what God does.
 - Who Jesus is and what He does.
 - The human condition and our need for salvation.
 - The saving work of Christ through His ministry, teaching, the cross and the resurrection.
 - Who God the Holy Spirit is and what the Holy Spirit does in relation to the Church and believers.
 - The Word of God written and the authority of Scripture.
 - The place of faith in response to the work of Christ.
 - The Church: the expression of the Body of Christ in fellowship, ministry and mission.
 - The Sacraments of Baptism and Communion, with reference also to infant baptism.
 - The end times and your hope for the future.

2. You will preach a sermon within the Presbytery of San Jose.

- ❑ At least one week before the meeting date, prepare and send to the committee the following:
 - A brief outline of your exegetical process.
 - Applicable exegetical notes from your sermon preparation.
 - The text of your sermon.
 - An order of worship showing a theme integrating the songs, hymns, prayers, Scripture, etc.
- ❑ When preparing your sermon, consider the following:
 - We are looking to see that you know how to take a text of the Bible, exegete it and present it with practical application to a ministry situation.
 - Your sermon should be aimed at a particular situation in a church or ministry situation. It is perfectly fine to use a sermon you have already given or are about to give elsewhere. Do not try to aim the message to the committee members, as you don't know our situations. Keep the sermon appropriate to the worship setting in which you are preaching.
 - The sermon should not exceed 20 minutes.

3. You will complete Form 3 for your Annual Consultation, just as you have in previous years. This should be received by CPM chair 10 days prior to your scheduled meeting.

4. Be sure that you have completed all requirements from the Book of Order and CPM, or that you will soon be able to complete them (such as your degree.) We cannot find you ready in all respects to receive a call unless you have completed these requirements. *Talk to your committee liaison to ensure that these are completed.*

5. During your final consultation, we will discuss your sermon, exegesis, delivery, and statement of faith, and we will reflect with you about your readiness for and growth in ministry since we have last met with you.

6. You may want to present your Personal Information Form (PIF) to the committee at this time. Although this is not required for the final assessment, the committee must review it and the permission of the chair of CPM is required before your PIF can be circulated.