

## Presbytery of San Jose – Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

### FINAL REVIEW

#### In Preparation for Your Final Review with the Committee:

1. **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.
2. **You will submit a statement of faith.**
  - ❑ Your statement should be in your own words, understanding it is difficult not to use theological jargon.
  - ❑ Your statement should be one page, single-spaced
  - ❑ Submit this statement to the committee **at least** one week before the meeting date.
  - ❑ These are the things you should consider and be sensitive too:
    - Inclusive language 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 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.
3. **You will arrange to preach the required sermon at a church before consultation with CPM.**
  - ❑ Inform your liaison of location, date and time of service. CPM liaison or chair will assist in finding a church in which to preach, but it is candidate's responsibility to initiate and complete the arrangements.
  - ❑ At least 10 days 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 Scripture lesson for 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. Keep the sermon appropriate to the worship setting in which you are preaching.
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 Presbytery approval is required before a candidate can negotiate for service.