Resources for Inquirers/Candidates

Area: Feeling a sense of Call

The Call of Jeremiah: A Bible Study

Examine a biblical call passage, consider the personal struggles and the empowering of one called by God and relate the passage to one's own sense of call.

Discerning Your Call and Gifts for Ministry

A resource addressed specifically to seminarians, Inquirers and Candidates to help them discern their gifts and their call. Also useful to sessions and Committees on Preparation for Ministry. Written by the late Roy M. Fairchild.

Considering Your Call and Vocation

Explores the definitions of Christian vocation and calling and shares with the reader one's own sense of call along with the similarities and differences in other calls to gain a better understanding of church vocation.

Touched by the Flame

A brochure that can be used as a study and reflective instrument for people considering their vocation in the light of ministry of the Word and Sacrament, a typical church, and the marks of success contribute to make this a resource that will challenge and validate those individuals who are, or should be, considering this profession. "

Gifted by the Flame

A brochure for individuals who are called to work within the professional church arena, but are not called to be ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Includes brief descriptions for church educator, work in national and international mission, and in governing bodies and other agencies. PS #72218-99-003

Self-Inventory Questions for Clarification

A grouping of questions for vocational reflection for inquirers and candidates. It can be used as a self-inventory with session liaison or Committee on Preparation for Ministry liaison.

Spiritual Development of Inquirers and Candidates

An outline of spiritual development areas for CPMs to work with inquirers and candidates.

Primary Qualities for Professional Ministry

Identifies six crucial qualities for persons in ministry, elaborates on the elements of each quality and identifies ways to develop and strengthen each quality.

Images and Stereotypes of Ministry

A study to help inquirers and candidates recognize one's personal image of a minister; includes discussion of the reality of clergy stereotypes, the effect of their relationships and the impact of stereotypes on one's ministry.

About the process

Developmental Chart of Inquirers & Candidates

Discusses different areas of development in the areas of education, spiritual development, interpersonal relationships, personal growth and professional development at different stages in the preparation for ministry process from admission to inquiry to the final interview before ordination. From the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

Specialized Ministries

Resources for Information Regarding Some Specialized Ministries

For persons interested in institutional ministries, ministry with older adults, social work and employment opportunities in these areas.

The Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel

Information regarding required qualifications and endorsement procedures. For persons interested in military chaplaincy service.