

GUIDELINES FOR PRE-CARE CONSULTATIONS

Commission on Preparation for Ministry
Pittsburgh Presbytery

1. Review the forms the applicant submitted ahead of time (Forms 1 & 2) and ask questions for clarification. Verify contact information.
2. Spend time letting the person tell you about themselves (family, home town, etc.).
3. Ask them to tell you their faith story and why he/she wants to become a pastor. (This is covered in the material and what we ask him/her to do before the commission, but it is always good to hear.)
4. Review what normally happens at the commission meeting and briefly review the care process as a whole.
5. Stress the importance of the candidate driving the process. It is his/her personal responsibility to make sure things get done.
6. Let him/her know all child abuse, criminal, and federal criminal history clearances/reports must be submitted within six months of enrollment as an Inquirer into the care process of Pittsburgh Presbytery and prior to any Field Education experience.
7. Answer any questions he/she might have.