

STANDING FOR ORDINATION PROCEDURE AT PRESBYTERY MEETING

Instructions to the Candidate

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Pittsburgh Presbytery

1. The Chair of CPM (or the person appointed to present the CPM report) will invite a member of your Care Team or another commissioner to come forward and introduce you.

Time allotment: 2 minutes

2. You will then be asked to **briefly** introduce yourself. Biographical sketch must be 150 words or less (please see sample below). This is to be a brief introduction, so please stick to the main points. An extended introduction will not cause commissioners to view you more favorably. Keep it short and to the point!

NOTE: You are welcome to use an abbreviated version of the biographical sketch you submitted for inclusion in the presbytery packet.

3. Once you have finished your introduction, you may begin reading your Statement of Faith. When done reading, you will be escorted out of the room and the Chair will invite commissioners to ask questions of him/her or your Care Team regarding your suitability, fitness and readiness for ordination. The Chair has the right to rule a question out of order if they deem it to be so.
4. When there are no further questions from the floor, a motion will be made to approve your ordination and vote. When the vote is completed, you will be invited back into the room to receive the results of the vote.

TOTAL time allotment: 15 minutes

Sample biographical sketch (what Brian would have said for his oral parts of trial):

Good afternoon! My name is Brian Wallace. I was born in upstate New York and attended Ogden Presbyterian Church near Rochester, NY. In 1999, I came to Western Pennsylvania to attend Grove City College and it was during my time in college that I began to sense God was calling me to ministry. I completed my Physics and Computer Science degree and continued my studies at Pittsburgh Seminary, where I graduated in 2006. For me, central to my sense of call is to nurture faith in the lives of teenagers, so I am excited today to stand before you, if the way be clear, to serve as an Associate for Youth at Hampton Presbyterian Church.

Your biographical sketch should fit in the following box: