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**Steps in Becoming a Candidate
Presbytery of Greater Atlanta**

After one year as an Inquirer, you may apply to become a Candidate.

1. You will need to have an annual consultation at least 3 months prior to meeting with the Committee for candidacy. During your annual consultation, discuss the plan for applying for candidacy with your CPM liaison to ensure you are clear about next steps.

1. Prepare and submit the application materials to the Stated Clerk at cajames@atlpcusa.org.
 - a. Forms 5-6 from www.atlpcusa.org/cpm
 - b. A one-page faith journey statement (biographical sketch)
 - c. A one-page statement of faith
 - d. Current/updated transcripts of all academic work to date
 - e. Copies of evaluations of all field education, internships, and/or CPE
 - f. Any updated certificate of completion of boundaries training and child sexual abuse prevention training from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta or the potential Inquirer's seminary, dated within the previous three years

2. Meet with your Session to be endorsed to become a Candidate. Once you have been approved, the clerk of session should submit the following items to cajames@atlpcusa.org:
 - a. Forms 7-8 from www.atlpcusa.org/cpm
 - b. A brief letter of rationale for the Session's action from the Pastor, Moderator of Session, or Session Liaison to help inform the Presbytery's decision "about the inquirer's suitability for ordered ministry" (G-2.0603).

Once all the above forms, transcripts and assessment have been received, the Stated Clerk will contact you to schedule an interview with the Committee. CPM meetings are generally scheduled for the late afternoon of the fourth Thursday of each month, alternating between in-person and Zoom. If the Inquirer's initial interview was held on Zoom, the candidacy interview must be held in-person. Other meetings may be held on Zoom.

If the Committee approves you as a Candidate, you will need to appear before the Presbytery to formally be received. Unless otherwise specified, the one-year timeline for candidacy will begin as of the CPM approval date.