

Policy #13 – Candidacy Documentation

Inquirers wishing to become Candidates are expected to provide a full set of documents including Form 5, a Faith Statement, and a biographical sketch. In addition, in order to aid CPM in evaluating a Candidate's fitness and readiness for ministry responses to the following statements are required by the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

1. A statement of his or her understanding of Christian vocation in the reformed tradition and how it relates to his or her sense of call.
2. An analysis of at least one concept from his or her personal faith statement (submitted separately) regarding what it suggests about God, humanity and their interrelationships.
3. A statement about what it means to be Presbyterian, indicating how that awareness grows out of participation in the life of a particular church.
4. A statement about what it means to further the peace, unity and purity of the church, indicating how one imagines serving with clergy, laity, and members of the community who stand in different places along the theological spectrum in the Reformed tradition.
5. A statement of self-understanding which reflects the Inquirer's personal and cultural background and includes a concern for maintaining spiritual, physical, and mental health.
6. A statement of his or her understanding of the tasks Teaching Elders perform including an awareness of his or her specific gifts for ministry and areas in which growth is needed.

Responses must be single-spaced, 11pt Times New Roman and should be no more than one page each. All five responses should be submitted as a single document.

Responses to these statements should be a single document and included with the rest of the Candidacy paperwork.