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**Presbytery of Greater Atlanta**

**Candidacy Application Essay Questions**

**“Outcomes of Inquiry”**

In seeing to the “full preparation of persons to serve the church as ministers of the Word and Sacrament” (G-2.0604), by the end of the Inquiry phase each Inquirer shall demonstrate adequate promise for ministry by presenting the following statements. Each statement is intended to invite reflection and begin a conversation about one’s “ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation” (G-2.0104b).

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.