

Policy #8 - Policy on Requirement for Session Orientation

A person seeking to become an Inquirer shall not be interviewed by Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) unless the Session of the church of care has received, within the last two years, an orientation from CPM concerning the preparation process. In the case of an Inquirer from a New Church Development (NCD), the New Church Development Commission (NCDC) serves as the Session.

Process: If an Inquirer contacts the Presbytery Office and there is no record of a Session orientation in the last two years, the administrative assistant will send a letter to the clerk of Session notifying the Session of the requirement for an orientation before the Session acts to endorse an Inquirer. When the clerk of Session or pastor of the church contacts the Presbytery office to request an orientation, the CPM Chair is notified so that the orientation can be arranged. The administrative assistant for CPM will not schedule an interview with CPM for the Inquirer until receiving written verification from the CPM chair that the orientation has occurred.