

Ordination Process: 1/10/2005

Order of events:

1. Applicant shall make a request to be ordained to the elder board.
2. elder board shall consider applicant. If consideration is approved the board will elect an elder to chair the ordination council.
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4. elder board shall establish an ordination council.
5. ordination council shall have a pre-licensure interview with the applicant. Where applicant will display proof of meeting the requirements and submit the ordination paper. If the ordination council is satisfied, they will issue the applicant with a pre-ordination license valid for one year.
6. applicant completes requirements.
7. applicant writes ordination paper.
8. applicant applies for ordination council hearing at least thirty-two days prior to proposed hearing date.
9. ordination council will set date for hearing.
10. ordination council will inform the elder board of the date for the hearing.
11. elder board will notify the church membership of the hearing.
12. ordination council will preside over the ordination hearing.

Organization of Ordination Council:

- this council is a committee of the board of elders.
- an elder shall be the chairman.
- a member in good standing shall be the clerk/secretary.
- a minimum of three and maximum of 12 ordained pastors from area local churches shall make up the body of the council.

Responsibility of Ordination Council:

- the members of the ordination council shall make sure that the applicant has a calling from God.
- the members will also make sure that the applicant, when ordained, grows in the faith and the direction that the applicant has been called.
- the council will also make certain that the applicant is adequately and thoroughly prepared for the hearing.
- this may require one or more meetings with the applicant prior to the hearing.
- guests may not participate in the council and cannot vote and may be dismissed for the discussion and vote or at any other time as deemed necessary by the council.