

THE PROCESS OF LICENSING AND ORDAINING CANDIDATES FOR THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

The Candidate's Responsibilities

- Thoroughly acquaint himself with the requirements for licensure and ordination as stipulated by the BCO and the Presbytery in which he is seeking licensure/ordination (*All requirements for the TVP may be found on the TVP website.)
- Seek clarification about the requirements if needed
- Prepare for each area of examination
- Meet all deadlines stipulated by the Presbytery
- Obtain study helps and proofreading help as needed
- Ask professors in seminary and/or his pastor for advice, study tips, and oversight of writing as needed

The Responsibilities of Churches

- Encourage and disciple gifted men who believe they may be called to the gospel ministry
- Give oversight to those men who are pursuing the gospel ministry and are under care of the church's Session
- Mentor interns
- Provide assistance to ministerial candidates who may need some coaching to successfully complete all of the requirements for licensure and ordination



LICENSURE

1. Candidate turns in Views Statement. If judged to meet standards—
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2. Candidate takes written exams. If written exams are successfully completed—
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3. Candidate meets with TEC to be examined orally.

The Responsibilities of the Theological Examining Committee

- Meets on a regular basis according to published schedule
- Provides clarification about requirements to candidates when necessary
- Determines if a candidate meets the requirements for each step of the process, as outlined in the BCO
- Reports to Presbytery the recommendations of the committee in regards to each candidate



One of two possible
outcomes occurs

TEC recommends candidate to Presbytery. If TVP approves, similar process is followed for **ordination** (check TVP website for all requirements).

If any requirements for licensure or ordination are not successfully completed, the candidate will need to:

- Identify areas of weakness and make adequate preparations for re-taking exams and/or re-writing views, papers, etc.
- Work with pastor/mentors on writing or exam prep
- Do any additional studying recommended by committee