
The Expectations of the COMMITTEE ON **M**INISTERS **A**ND **C**ANDIDATES

The Committee on Ministers and Candidates shall serve presbytery by:

Counseling with ministers and/or churches, at the invitation of the minister and/or session or at the direction of presbytery, that are experiencing congregational or personal problems. This committee shall inquire into such difficulties and offer counsel and advice. If it deems necessary, the committee shall report on the matter to presbytery with recommendations for further action.

Overseeing of all candidates for the Gospel Ministry under the care of presbytery and still pursuing courses of preparation, monitoring their progress and spiritual growth, giving encouragement and giving counsel as needed. The committee will report annually at the May stated meeting of presbytery, the progress of each candidate in accordance with the BCO.

Assisting the vacant churches in securing qualified pulpit supply. The committee shall maintain a list of ministers and ruling elders that are qualified to serve as pulpit supply. The committee may, at the request of the pulpit committee and session, assist churches in locating a qualified minister.

This committee has the authority to act as a commission of presbytery in dissolving pastoral relationships in cases where the pastor and congregation formally concur or where no congregation is concerned, to dismiss other ministers, licentiates or candidates. The committee shall inform the stated clerk of this action so that the clerk may dismiss the ministers.

Responsibility for the supervision of the presbytery's interns will rest with the Ministers and Candidates Committee. The committee will exercise oversight within the guidelines set forth in BCO 19--Licensure and Internship. Written notification of presbytery's requirements shall be given to each intern at the start of his period of internship.

Reports on the progress of every intern in the presbytery will be made at each stated meeting of presbytery. Each intern shall be required to report at least once a year describing his ministerial experiences. These reports will become part of the minutes of presbytery. If the intern is still in school, the presbytery shall secure from his instructors an annual report upon his deportment, diligence and progress in study.

A Ruling or Teaching Elder living in close proximity to where the intern is laboring shall be appointed by the Ministers and Candidates Committee to serve as his supervisor. It will be the duty of the supervisor to give pastoral oversight and counsel, and monitoring the interns progress in completing written and ministry assignments required by the committee. The supervisor should meet monthly with the intern and submit written reports to the committee concerning his progress.

The period of internship shall last for twelve months. At the end of this period the intern shall have his internship approved or disapproved by the committee. If the internship is disapproved, the presbytery may either extend it or presbytery may completely rescind his intern status.

Oversight of the candidates enrolled in the presbytery's Theological Training Program shall rest with the Minister's and Candidates Committee. The candidates enrolled in this program shall complete requirements as defined in the Uniform Curriculum for Theological Education (see minutes of 6th GA, pages 214-217 and 7th GA, pages 190-191). Reports of each candidate's progress shall be made at each stated meeting of presbytery. The committee shall notify presbytery of the candidate's completion of the program.