

Covenant Agreement and Candidate Release

I, _____ have read and discussed the goals and responsibilities of both candidates and the presbytery’s committee/commission on preparation for ministry. I do hereby wish to be enrolled in the preparation for ministry process of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (hereinafter “Church”) as a candidate with the understanding that I subject myself to the guidance, counsel and disciplines of the Church as represented by the presbytery and it’s committee/commission overseeing preparation for ministry. I fully agree and understand that the decision of the presbytery’s committee/commission regarding my fitness and readiness for ministry may involve questions and/or inquiries that are both personal and private and hereby release the Church and its committees, agents and representatives from any claims, causes, or actions, which may arise from said inquiries and answers received to such inquiries or any uses made of such answers. Further, I grant permission to the presbytery’s committee/commission to contact any person listed by me as a reference or any other person not listed to discuss my “fitness and readiness for a call to ministry requiring ordination” (G-2.0604).

I covenant with God, the session, and the presbytery to rely upon the grace of God; to maintain a Christian character and conduct; and to be diligent and faithful in pursuing my call and in preparing for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. By my signature, I hereby certify that this covenant agreement and release is fully understood by me and I sign it understanding that I will be bound by its terms.

Signature of candidate: _____ (date)

Signature of witness: _____ (date)

The session covenants to be a faithful partner with you in this relationship, and to support, to care and to nurture you with love as you continue your preparation for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

Signature of the moderator of the session: _____ (date)

Signature of witness: _____ (date)

The presbytery covenants to be a faithful and just partner with you in this relationship, and to support, to guide, to nurture and to evaluate you with an understanding and sympathetic interest as you continue your preparation for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

Signature of the moderator of the presbytery’s committee/commission: _____ (date)

Signature of witness: _____ (date)

Moderator of the presbytery’s committee/commission will copy and mail copies of this page to all parties signing document and the Stated Clerk of the presbytery.