

Candidates Workgroup

The Workgroup attends to Presbytery's responsibilities with regard to the assessment and training of candidates for National Ordained Ministry, and Local Ordained Ministry and applications for Internship.

In all cases, the Workgroup will ensure that the following occurs:

- examination of prospective candidates to establish their vocation and the Church's need for leadership in worship, life and mission
- adequate supervision for every person training.
- structures of support for those undergoing selection and training for ordained ministry and internship

In all its work, the Workgroup follows and fulfills the requirements and procedures laid down in the Book of Order, supplementary provisions, and Student Convener's Handbook

A summary of Presbytery responsibilities:

National Ordained Ministry:

1. assess candidate's vocation and Church's need, providing appropriate assessment procedures.
2. sustain or decline application
3. support candidate through National Assessment process.
4. carry out trials for licensing
5. license ordinand if satisfied that training programme and licensing requirements satisfactorily met.

Local Ordained Ministry:

1. examine and approve candidate for local ordained ministry
2. appoint training advisor and training enabler,
3. in consultation with candidate, training enabler and training advisor, specify training agreement and probationary programme and period.
4. conduct a commissioning service when the candidate begins working in the congregation as a local ordained ministry probationer.

Interns:

Refer to Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership

Commissioning of Ministry Interns in their appointed parish