Final assessment and negotiation for service

- Discuss with your presbytery how it makes decisions regarding when to schedule “final assessment” and what materials beyond those identified in G-2.0607 it requires prior to the assessment consultation.
- Do not begin negotiation with any congregation or agency for service that would require ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament without prior approval from your presbytery. You may explore with your presbytery whether and under what conditions its policies may permit “negotiation for service” prior to a candidate having been “certified ready for examination for ordination, pending a call,” but realize such approvals are not a regular practice.
- Once you have been “certified ready for examination” or otherwise been approved to “negotiate for service,” you may complete a Personal Information Form (PIF) with the Church Leadership Connection of Mid Council Ministries in the Office of the General Assembly. An approved PIF is the basis for participating in the denomination’s process for exploring a call to service.
- Candidacy continues until ordination, withdrawal, or removal. So even once you have completed “final assessment,” been “certified ready for examination,” and begun “negotiating for service,” you should have a covenant agreement with your presbytery about how you will not only maintain but continue to develop your ministry skills as you seek your first call.

How does your presbytery determine “proximity to graduation” in making decisions to schedule “final assessment” and to “certify a candidate ready for examination for ordination, pending a call”?

What documentation or other “evidence” can you provide your presbytery that you possess the qualities listed in G-2.0607a?

Does your presbytery require that you preach a sermon or prepare specific documents, like a statement of faith, for final assessment?