

**Steps to examine and welcome first-call candidate
to Presbytery of Wabash Valley
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1. COM (Transitional Team Moderator) alerts CPM Chair when a church circulates a CIF with a First Ordained Call experience level. The PNC/APNC will be given the meeting schedule of the CPM and the Presbytery.
2. When a congregation is ready to do a face to face interview with a first call candidate, the COM will request that the CPM chair conduct a presbytery to presbytery check on the candidate as to their readiness to receive a call and in regards to any concerns related to the candidate.
3. CPM informs the COM which in turn informs the PNC that they may schedule a face to face visit with the candidate.
4. The candidate will provide their statement of faith in advance and will meet with the full CPM and the three Transitional Care Team Moderators to be examined for preparedness and suitability to serve in our presbytery.
5. CPM recommends to COM whether or not a candidate is prepared to serve in our presbytery.
6. Candidate continues in interview process with PNC.
7. PNC extends a call to candidate in consultation with COM and COM approves the terms of call.
8. Candidate is asked to prepare a 10 minute sermon to be preached at the next stated presbytery meeting.
9. COM and CPM prepare 5 questions to be asked of the candidate at the presbytery examination in the areas of Theology, Bible, Polity, Worship, and Boundaries/Self Care.
10. Presbyters will be given in their Presbytery papers in advance of the meeting biographical information about the candidate, their statement of faith, guidelines for examinations and sample questions.
11. COM and COM chairs jointly present the candidate for examination on the floor of presbytery attesting to their preparedness for ministry and the suitability of the call.
12. Candidate will preach for the assembly and read statement of faith. Presbytery will examine candidate.

When candidate has been under care in Wabash Valley Presbytery, the action of the CPM to clear that candidate to circulate a PIF will function as step 4. Step 4 then will be an examination with the candidate at the monthly COM meeting instead.

Once a candidate has been cleared by the CPM in step 4 and wishes to be considered by another congregation within the Presbytery, they will not need to be examined again.