

Ordination Requirements
for
Persons Under Care
of the
Susquehanna Valley Presbytery

(Approved by the Presbytery at its meeting on 17 September 2011)

In addition to the constitutional requirements for all persons under care in the PC(USA), the Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley expects the following from persons under care as they discern a call to ministry as Teaching Elders (Ministers of Word and Sacrament).

Clinical Pastoral Education

All persons under care shall complete one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education ("CPE"). The specific CPE program must be approved by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry ("CPM"). CPE programs accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education ("ACPE") or by the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy ("CPSP") have been approved in the past. Exemption from this requirement shall only be granted by the CPM.

Psychological and Career Counseling

All persons under care shall complete psychological evaluations and career counseling with a counseling center approved by the CPM.

Criminal Background Checks

All persons under care shall undergo a criminal background check administered by an agent of the CPM's choosing.

Moderator Training

As decided by a vote of the Presbytery on 23rd September, 2008, all persons under care are strongly encouraged to obtain training and experience in moderating meetings. The CPM determines whether a particular form of training meets this recommendation.