

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Purpose: The purpose of the Preparation for Ministry is to provide support to seminarians who are members of UPC, to provide contact with seminarians who are affiliated with UPC, and to provide support to UPC's Teaching Church Student(s).

Responsibilities:

1. To provide each candidate with a liaison who is a member of UPC, and preferably an inactive elder, upon the request of the seminary candidate.
2. To contact each seminarian regularly.
3. To assist the session & congregation in becoming acquainted with our seminarians.
4. To provide support and guidance in their process of discerning a call to the ministry.
5. To facilitate an annual visit between the session and each seminarian, if requested by the seminarian.
6. Celebrate with the student as he/she complete steps in becoming an inquirer, candidate, passing ordination exams, and completing the process.
7. To assist the teaching elders in the oversight of UPC's "Teaching Church" Seminary student(s).

Accountability: to the Session through the Chairperson, who will report to the Session.

Membership:

1. Chairperson (Elder) who shall preside over the committee and report to the Session.
2. Members from the congregation-at-large who are the Liaisons.
3. Pastor or his/her designate as resource.

Meetings: As needed.

Funding: The Preparation on Ministry Team shall present its annual budget to the Session prior to the compilation of the congregational budget by the Session.

Budget items may include:

1. Funding for consultations and travel
2. Funding for fellowship activities with seminary students