

Commission for Ordination/Installation Ministers of the Word and Sacraments

According to the Book of Order, G-3.1009b, an Administrative Commission of Presbytery shall be composed of Ministers of the Word and Sacraments and Ruling Elders in numbers as nearly equal as possible. When the commission consists of an odd number of members, the additional member may be either a Ruling Elder or a Minister. Ruling Elders must be from different churches within the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. All Ministers must be members of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley.

The Presbytery is given the authority to reduce the normally required seven members of a Commission to five when the commission is for the purpose of ordaining/installing a minister. Consequently, our Presbytery only requires five members. You may use seven if you wish. However, all members must be from the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley as the Commission is acting as the Presbytery in the ordination/installation service.

Additionally, our Presbytery requests that at least one of the ministers be female and at least one member of the commission be racial ethic. Also, the current Presbytery Moderator should be notified to participate. Please contact the Presbytery Office for name and information.

You may have as many Corresponding members to sit with the Commission as you wish. These corresponding members may participate in the leadership of worship.

When a minister is being ordained, it is a policy of our Presbytery that an offering be taken during worship. These monies are divided between the Presbytery's Commission on Preparation for Ministry and the Minister's Fund. The Presbytery Office has special envelopes for this offering.

The Moderator of the Commission on Ministry needs the names for your commission at least three weeks before the Presbytery meeting.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Stated Clerk or the General Presbyter in the Presbytery office: 205-978-0320.