

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long does the candidacy process take?

A: In general, it will take close to a year from the initial inquiry about ministry to becoming a certified candidate. When a candidate is already convinced of his/her call when the first inquiry is made, the process may be completed in about 6 months. Others who are actively wrestling with the decision or waiting for family, job or education opportunities may take several years before becoming a certified candidate.

Q: How much does the candidacy process cost?

A: Much of the candidacy process is done through an on-line process. The fee is \$75 and is paid by the candidate. Other costs will involve clearances and minimal fees to attend God's Calling Event, Safe Sanctuaries and Boundaries training. The Board of Ordained Ministry covers the cost of Psychological testing.

Q: If my boss knows I'm thinking about ministry, I may lose my job. Can this process be confidential?

A: The beginning candidacy process is confidential. The Board maintains but does not publish a list of those who are inquiring and exploring ministry. When a candidate is ready to become a declared candidate, he or she must be approved at a church conference and the candidacy then becomes public.