

Steps to Ordination in the Moravian Church Southern Province

This is a brief outline of the process of becoming a candidate for ordination in the Moravian Church, Southern Province. A fuller description and other materials are available from the Provincial Elders' Conference offices.

- Individual meets with Assistant to the PEC President regarding their interest in being an ordained pastor in the Moravian Church and to receive information about the candidacy process.
- PEC representative meets with the individual's Church Board to discuss guidelines for endorsement as a candidate for ordination and individual's home congregation sends letter of endorsement to PEC recommending person for ordained ministry.
- Individual meets with Candidacy Committee; Candidacy Committee makes recommendation to the PEC regarding continuation of the candidacy process.
- PEC considers the recommendation and may choose to meet with the potential candidate.
- Potential Candidate completes career counseling and psychological evaluation.
- Upon reviewing the report from career counseling, the Candidacy Committee makes a final recommendation to the PEC regarding candidacy.
- Potential Candidate interviews with PEC for candidacy.
- Approved Candidate attends seminary to earn Master of Divinity degree (preferably at Moravian Theological Seminary).
- Candidate meets annually with Candidacy Committee to review progress.
- During final semester of seminary, candidate participates in Ordination Review.
- Upon graduation and approval by the Provincial Elders' Conference, candidate is eligible for a call to service in the Moravian Church.
- Ordination takes place upon receipt and acceptance of a call.