

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY

Committee on Ministry

Personnel Reference Checks for Ministers Entering the Presbytery

The Presbytery of Peace River has the responsibility to examine ministers and candidates seeking membership in the Presbytery (G-11.0402) including their Christian faith and view in theology, the sacraments, and the government of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Presbytery of Peace River has delegated this examination to the Committee on Ministry (COM). In order to facilitate the employment of ministers and to protect the Presbytery, its churches and its officers from the charge of negligent hiring, personnel inquiries have become an unfortunate but necessary policy.

Prior to an interview with the Committee on Ministry, ministers and candidates seeking membership in this Presbytery must **have had an executive reference check done by either the General Presbyter, the Chair of the Committee on Ministry (or designee), or the Stated Clerk prior to a call being considered by either a PNC or the Committee on Ministry.**