

**Peace River Presbytery
Committee on Ministry**

INTERVIEWS

The Committee on Ministry (COM) is authorized by the Presbytery of Peace River to find in order calls issued by churches, to approve and present calls for service of ministers, to approve the examination of ministers transferring from other presbyteries, to dissolve the pastoral relationship in cases where the congregation and pastor concur, and to dismiss ministers to other presbyteries, with the provision that all such actions be reported to the next stated meeting of the presbytery, in accordance with G-11.0502h.

The COM shall examine all persons seeking membership in the presbytery as to their suitability for a pastoral call to a church or for other work within the presbytery. Ordinarily the COM meets with the PNC final candidate at the time of the second visit of the minister to Peace River Presbytery.

This interview usually takes place at a regular monthly meeting of the COM (second Tuesday of each month). If circumstances require it, the COM area committee will conduct the interview at a special meeting.

Pastors coming into Peace River Presbytery to be Parish Associates shall be interview by the appropriate COM cluster team.

At least one week prior to meeting with COM, the following documents must be emailed to the General Presbyter, (graham@peacriverpresbytery.org).

- his/her PIF,
- a one-page statement of faith,
- a one-page biographical statement,
- and terms of call.

In addition to fulfilling the requirements of G-11.0402, the interview team shall examine the following:

- the applicant's suitability for the position,
- the "match" between applicant and position,
- the talents and interest of the applicant,
- the needs of the church or employing body,
- the applicant's knowledge of the position.

Also, interviews for all applicants seeking membership into Peace River Presbytery will include all the criteria in G-11.0403, G-11.0408, G-11,0409, G-11.0410 and G-4.0411.

Ministers from other denominations called to validated ministries listed in G.11.0409 or G-11.0410 shall fulfill all the above and also the special provisions of G-11.0404.

Ministers seeking reinstatement should first see G.11-0414.

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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Tell us about your faith journey.
2. What are the things you feel best about in your present ministry?
3. What have been the challenges there?
4. What makes you think you may be called to leave there now?
5. What interests you about this position?
6. What do you bring to our ministry?
7. What are your greatest strengths in ministry?
8. What are your greatest weaknesses?
9. One of our goals is to strengthen our _____. How would you do that?
10. Describe a typical week in your ministry.
11. Share your perspective on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
12. One of the issues our session has debated in the past few years is _____. Tell us how you might address that topic.
13. If we selected you as our pastor (or other role), when could you start and what would be your start-up plan?
14. How do you balance your personal/family life with your ministry?
15. What will you need from the members of this church in order to be effective as our pastor?
16. What questions or concerns do you have?