

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY

Greetings! As you prepare to meet with the Committee on Ministry, you will need to submit three things: a Membership Application Form, a Statement of Faith, and a Biography. For those who are applying for Validation of Ministry, we need additional forms completed. Ordinarily we need your papers at least 10 days before the next COM meeting. (COM usually meets the first Monday of every month.)

The Statement of Faith and Biography will be copied and submitted for the presbytery meeting. The membership application will only go to COM.

STATEMENT OF FAITH (no longer than 1 page)

Taking into account the theological distinctions of the Reformed Tradition, please describe your theological convictions on the following:

God
Christ
Holy Spirit
Church
Scripture
Sacraments

BIOGRAPHY (no longer than 1 page)

Describe your personal journey of faith and your experience in ministry. Include your seminary, date and presbytery of ordination and any other information that helps us get to know you better.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (See next page)

NEXT STEPS

- Once these materials are submitted, the COM will review them and contact you about any additional information that may be needed.
- An interview will be scheduled with the Membership Subcommittee between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the day of COM. (Review G-11.0402)
- Upon their recommendation, the subcommittee will introduce you to the Committee on Ministry for interview and approval by the full committee. (This takes place between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.)
- The committee will convey its actions to you, make the appropriate recommendations to the presbytery and contact your current presbytery as to its actions.
- Ordinarily, you must be present at a presbytery meeting to be received as a member. At the presbytery meeting, you will be invited to say a few words about yourself and answer any questions that the presbytery has. You are not required to read your Statement of Faith. Honorably retired pastors are not required to leave the room during the voting.

We look forward to meeting with you. Do not hesitate to call the office if you have any questions.