

# Guide For Coming Under Care & Ordination

Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of the West

## Coming Under Care:

- 1) Membership for at least six months in EPC church
- 2) Endorsement by session of that church
- 3) Following paperwork sent to Care of Candidates Committee
  - Application to Come Under Care
  - Session Endorsement Form
  - Personal Information Form
  - Preliminary Questionnaire
  - College Transcripts
- 4) Care of Candidates Committee Interview
  - Sharing conversion to Christ and growth in Christian life
  - Sharing call to Christian ministry
  - Discussing motive for seeking EPC ordination
- 5) Presbytery of the West Interview
  - Sharing and discussing the same topics on the floor of Presbytery and being assigned an adviser

## Ordination:

- 1) Complete one year as Candidate Under Care
- 2) Following paperwork sent to Care of Candidates Committee
  - Physical evaluation
  - MMPI-2 psychological evaluation
  - Background check
  - MDiv or equivalent transcript (if necessary, equivalency work may be assigned)
- 3) Completion of Discovery Workshop
- 4) Call and Terms of Call approved
- 5) Completion of the following written EPC Ordination Exams
  - English Bible
  - Theology, Sacraments, and Reformed Tradition
  - Polity
  - Biblical Hebrew and Greek Exegesis Paper
- 6) Completion of Statements of Faith and Exceptions to WCF & C's
- 7) Examination before Care of Candidates Committee
- 8) Sermon and Exam before the Presbytery of the West along with requisite installation preparations