### Educational Requirements

- **Seminary Track** -- completion of an M.Div or its equivalent from a theological school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the U.S. and Canada or its equivalent.

- **Apprentice Track** -- completion of a program of study of at least 250 contact hours approved by the Region.

### Act of Ordination

- Under the authorization and guidance of the sponsoring congregation and the Region, with the Regional Minister (or designee) presiding.

### Candidates are evaluated on the following Areas of Competency:

- Biblical Knowledge
- Church Administration & Planning
- Communication
- Cross Cultural & Anti-Racism Experience
- Ecumenism
- Education & Leader Development
- Ethics
- Evangelism
- Mission of the Church in the World
- Pastoral Care
- Proclamation of the Word
- Spiritual Development
- Stewardship
- Theology
- Understanding of Heritage
- Worship

*Ordination requirements may vary by congregation and Region.

** Candidates are encouraged to follow the seminary track.