

## Presbyterian Church (USA)

Resources	Overview of Ordination Process & Requirements*	Coursework Required*
<p><i>Book of Order: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part II: 2017/2019</i> (see G-2.06-2.07, pages 34-36):  <a href="http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/book-of-order2017-electronic_updated110117.pdf">http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/book-of-order2017-electronic_updated110117.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Advisory Handbook for Preparation for Ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.):</i>  <a href="https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/pcusa-cpm_advisory_handbook_rel.2.1.pdf">https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/pcusa-cpm_advisory_handbook_rel.2.1.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Presbytery of New York's Handbook for Inquirers and Candidates:</i>  <a href="https://static1.squarespace.com/static/594b12dad1758e31f8f3229c/t/5977dec586e6c0db236e4bfe/1501028038276/CPM-Handbook-2012.pdf">https://static1.squarespace.com/static/594b12dad1758e31f8f3229c/t/5977dec586e6c0db236e4bfe/1501028038276/CPM-Handbook-2012.pdf</a></p> <p><u>Contacts:</u>            Rev. Greg Horn            (<a href="mailto:greghorn@pcum.org">greghorn@pcum.org</a>)            Pastor &amp; Head of Staff,            The Presbyterian Church of Upper Montclair;            Advisor to Presbyterian Students at Union            Theology Seminary / Auburn Theological            Seminary</p> <p>Presbyterian students at Union have the added support of:            Auburn Theological Seminary            475 Riverside Drive, #1800            New York, NY 10115</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Must be a member of a church for at least six months.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To enter “<i>Inquiry</i>” phase: tell board (“session”) and pastor, who must vote to take you “under care.” Complete online forms and answer questions in front of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, which refers you to Presbytery to be enrolled as an Inquirer.</li> <li>2. “<i>Candidacy</i>” process will be governed by Committee on Preparation for Ministry (see <i>Advisory Handbook</i>). Candidacy can be completed once service in a church, academic work (including graduation from seminary with “satisfactory grades” and coursework required), and ordination exams are completed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>● Ordination Exams  <i>Usually taken as “Inquirer”:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bible Content Exam</li> </ol> <i>Usually taken during “Candidacy”:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Open Book Bible Exegesis</li> <li>3. Theological Competence</li> <li>4. Worship &amp; Sacraments</li> <li>5. Church Polity</li> </ol> </li> <li>● Must have “a call” (placement) to be ordained.</li> </ul> <p>* Requirements vary by Presbytery, which is who ordains.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Presbyterian/Reformed theology, worship &amp; sacraments, church polity (<i>to prepare for Ordination Exam</i>)</li> <li>● Hebrew and Greek</li> <li>● Exegesis of Old and New Testaments using Hebrew and Greek (<i>usually with additional Bible classes</i>)</li> <li>● Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is often required*</li> </ul> <p>* Requirements vary by Presbytery. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry for one’s Presbytery will determine the specific academic and church service requirements for each individual.</p>