



Great Plains

Mentoring Overview

101 Candidacy Summit Mentors

- Attend Candidacy Summit (June or January)
- Meet with group three times following hopefully in successive months following the Summit (5-7 members)
- Group membership will only change if someone leaves process
- Continued follow up with candidates until certification (hopefully a short time later)
- Expected commitment of 6-8 months

Primary Objectives:

- Shepherd from inquiry to certification
- Discernment



Certified Candidacy Group Mentors

201 Preparation for Ministry, 301 Practice of Ministry

- Meet six times a year with group of certified candidates
- Meetings scheduled by mentor
- Group may change as new people are certified
- Geographically based, one group per district unless numbers dictate more needed
- Candidates may be seminary students
- Group members leave once they are commissioned or licensed

Primary Objectives:

- Shepherd from certification to Commissioning or License to Preach
- Continued discernment, specifically for type of ordination (deacon, elder, or local licensed pastor)



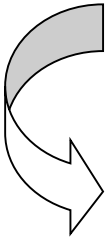
Local Pastor Group Mentors

201 Preparation for Ministry, 301 Practice of Ministry

- Meet eight times a year with group of 5 to 7 local pastors
- Meeting set by mentor
- Group may change based on interim licenses or appointment changes
- Geographically based, one per district unless numbers dictate more needed
- Includes full and part time LPs
- Group members leave once they graduate from COS or apply for commissioning (in the case of a seminary student serving as a LP)

Primary Objectives:

- Shepherd from licensing until finish Course of Study (or commissioning, in the case of a seminary student/graduate serving as a LP)
- Ministry Skill Development

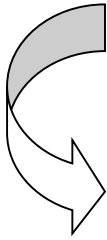


401 Residency Year One Group Mentors

- Groups mixed of new Provisional elders and deacons and new COS grads
- Mentor meetings at five retreats
- Dates announced by Residency Coordinator for BOM

Primary Objectives:

- Shepherd through first year of Residency
- Help provide reflective learning for member to move from readiness to effectiveness



401 Residency Year Two Group Mentors

- Meet six times a year suggested dates in August, October, December, February, March and April
- Group of 3-5 Provisional elders and deacons
- Group members will only leave if they discontinue Provisional membership
- Geographically based, 7-10 over all through Annual Conference

Primary Objectives:

- Shepherd through later years of Provisional membership to Ordination
- Help provide reflective learning for member to move from readiness to effectiveness

CANDIDACY/CLERGY MENTORING

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Candidacy Mentoring Sessions:

- 5 group sessions (2 or more at the Candidacy Summit)
- 1 individual session

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Gap Mentoring

- Assigned as needed
- Up to 3 years
- Begins approximately 6 months after Summit attendance

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Short Term Mentoring

- Assigned as needed
- Available when initially certified between September and March

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Preparation for Ministry Group

- Continuing certified candidates, seminary students, local pastors applying for status change
- Focus on theology

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Practice of Ministry Group

- Local Pastors serving in ministry context
- Skill Development

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Residency Mentoring

- Provisional deacons and elders and local pastors participating in the Residency program