

## *GOALS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SESSION FOR CANDIDATES*

- 1) Meeting for orientation on the preparation process with representative(s) from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as needed.
- 2) Providing support and care on an ongoing basis to the Inquirer including the provision of financial support.
- 3) Participating with the Inquirer and Presbytery's Committee in evaluating the Inquirer's growth and Progress.
- 4) Meeting with the Inquirer to review evidence indicating his/her readiness to proceed to Candidacy. This evidence includes: personal interview with the Inquirer; and the Inquirer's demonstration of adequate promise for ministry according to the expected outcomes of Inquiry.
- 5) Making a decision regarding whether to recommend to presbytery that the Inquirer proceed to Candidacy Phase.
- 6) Providing support and making a statement to Presbytery, if requested, when the Inquirer is ready for admission to Candidacy.

*Note: If the Inquirer is not received by Chicago Presbytery as a Candidate, at this time, the session continues to support, counsel, and guide the individual as he/she seeks to discover an appropriate occupational expression of his/her Christian vocation.*

- 7) Providing continued support and pastoral care to the Candidate and his/her family, maintaining the liaison relationship with both the Candidate and the Chicago Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry and considering the provision of financial support for the Candidate.
- 8) Removing the Candidate's name from the church roll when notice is received of his/her ordination.

**Note: It is important to remember that the Session acts as an advocate for both Inquirers and Candidates and, through its moderator and Presbytery commissioner(s), can call the Chicago Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry to accountability in fulfilling its responsibilities.**