Something to share with

your seminary advisor…

The Committees on Preparation for Ministry from the presbyteries of **John Knox**, **Milwaukee**, **Northern Waters**, and **Winnebago** share requirements for your education. We offer this brief document to help orient you to our processes, beginning with the parts most applicable to your seminary education.

Education at a Theological Institution

While we encourage students to attend Presbyterian seminaries, if you find that another seminary is a better fit for you, with the approval of your CPM, we do have some requirements that must be met through a Presbyterian institution. Students attending a non-Presbyterian seminary must take classes on:

* Presbyterian polity
* Reformed history
* Reformed theology

The education experience at any institution must also include:

* a preaching class
* classes in Biblical Hebrew and Biblical Greek
* classes in exegesis of both the Old and New Testaments

The forwarding of transcripts to the CPM at the end of each school year should be initiated by you, the student.

Field Education

We do require inquirers / candidates to take part in a field education learning experience for the duration of a school year. Field education sites must be coordinated with and approved by the committee. We require a written report from your field education site supervisor regarding your growth, ability, and performance at the end of the field education experience.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

We do require inquirers / candidates to participate in a term of CPE. While we recognize some seminaries have relationships with facilities offering CPE, please note, for the experience to be valid under our requirements, the CPE site must be accredited. (Such sites can be found at <www.acpe.edu>.)

Beside these three requirements are others:

* Psychological assessment and career counseling with Midwest Ministry Development, North Central Career Center, or a similar facility approved by the CPM moderator
* Taking the Bible Content Exam
* Taking all four ordination exams - our preference is that all exams be taken at the same time, in the final year of school, although rare exceptions are made at the discretion of the CPM
* Annual consultations with the CPM

More information can be found at [www.fourpresbyteries.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CNicole%5CDocuments%5CWork%5CWI%5CWI%20CPM%5Csecond%20drafts%5Cwww.fourpresbyteries.org).