

Seminary Covenant Community Ordination

Seminary Covenant Community (SCC) is a body duly organized for and legally able to ordain persons. It is the duty of SCC to acknowledge and ratify God's call upon an individual to ordination in the ministry. SCC will validate this call and the desire of the applicant to be a part of the SCC fellowship.

Seminary Covenant Community (SCC) will not accept everyone desiring ordination as candidates, but will only accept those who are committed to the Articles of Faith and polity of Seminary Covenant Community. Race, color, national origin or sex is not criteria for ordination.

Requirements for SCC Ordination:

- 1) Each applicant must have taken courses amounting, as a minimum, to a two-year bible college level, and/or be able to demonstrate the equivalency of such academic or other work, before an evaluation board chosen by SCC. Such examination may be written or oral, as the applicant desires and deemed appropriate by the SCC board.
- 2) Each applicant for ordination must, for a specified period of time, negotiated on a case by case basis, serve under a pastor, mentor or leader selected by SCC. Said mentor will evaluate the applicant's leadership ability; ability to be under supervision and teachable; ability to cooperate; servant's heart; communication skills; counseling and evangelistic skills, and will report the results of that evaluation back to SCC.
- 3) Each applicant must testify to and demonstrate a personal life fitness to be a leader, including but not limited to marriage, family, personal habits, financial management, stewardship and fidelity to the tenants of the Christian faith in all phases of life.
Specifically, the applicant:

1. Must not be a new Christian - must have an adequate number of years of demonstrated walk as a born again believer.
2. Must have no sexual relationship outside of marriage, whether adultery or as a practicing homosexual. Marriage is defined as between a Man and a Woman.
3. Be no drunkard, if using alcohol, using it in moderation and be committed to principles of Romans 12:1-2; 14:13-21.
4. Be no lover of money, one with good credit, good reputation in handling of money.
5. Have good reputation in Christian and non-Christian circles.
6. Have a well behaved family.

SCC Ordination Process

STEP ONE:

An individual desiring SCC ordination must submit a written request for consideration by SCC as an ordination candidate. At a minimum, the letter should include a declaration of God's calling to the ordained ministry and a statement of one's desire for ordination by SCC. Also included should be:

STEP TWO:

Assigned members of the SCC Ordination Review Board (ORB) will review the ordination consideration request. The individual will be contacted directly by an assigned member of the Review Board for additional clarification, as required. The ORB chairman will then compile the recommendations of individual members, including any recommended provisional requirements for SCC acceptance of the individual as an ordination candidate.

STEP THREE:

The recommendations of the ORB will then be submitted to the Presbytery - Governing Board of SCC. The Governing Board (GB) will review that recommendation and approve or disapprove the individual as an SCC ordination candidate, and/or request additional clarification.

Upon acceptance of the individual as an ordination candidate, the SCC Governing Board will assign a pastor/mentor who will work with the individual during the ordination process. The GB will also set forth guidelines governing the ordination process and requirements for that particular individual.

STEP FOUR:

The approved ordination candidate will be contacted by the assigned pastor/mentor and the formal review and ordination process will commence. If the individual is not approved, or if interim steps are required before the individual can be considered an approved ordination candidate, a member of the Governing Board of SCC will personally advise the individual.

STEP FIVE:

A detailed application for ordination will then be submitted by ordination candidate and compiled by the pastor/mentor. This application will include the original consideration request and attachments; a more detailed personal and family history; verified academic credentials; verified personal and ministerial references; the personal observations and assessment of the pastor/mentor; and other materials and information required by the Seminary Covenant Community Ordination Review Board and Governing Board.

- 1 An application for Ordination or Recognition of Ordination
- 2 A Personal Profile
- 3 A Ministry Profile
- 4 A Thesis of faith
- 5 A statement of personal faith and willingness to uphold to the Articles of Faith of SCC;
- 6 A description of ongoing Christian ministry in one's life and corresponding Spiritual fruit.
- 7 A description of one's educational and ministerial credentials and/or plans.

Before it makes a determination that the approved candidate will be ordained by SCC, the SCC Governing Board must receive and approve the following:

- a. Satisfactory report by the ORB that academic or equivalency requirements have been met
- b. Satisfactory report of the assigned SCC pastor/mentor.
- c. A firm, written commitment that the candidate subscribes to the SCC Articles of Faith and to the SCC constitution and by-laws, and will uphold those articles and by-laws as an ordained leader of a covenant group or a constituent church in the SCC fellowship.
- d. A firm written commitment to continuing education, under the guidance of SCC.

Submission to:

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