

Ministerial Assessment Weekend

Dear,

You have been asked to embark on a new adventure of ministerial assessment. Please know that the overall goal is to create a system for helping you enter the ministry as better and more effective ministers than most of us did. At the assessment level, the goal is to help you write a Ministry Covenant that covers the essential areas of development. We will rate your progress and use this document to evaluate your readiness for ordination. What is most exciting to us is the fact that you help write your own development plan and create the specific tasks that help you achieve progress in every area, as needed.

The Assessment will begin on Thursday, November 16, at 1:00pm with registration. You will need to arrive on time and stay through the closing service on Saturday, 3pm. You should be on your way home no later than 3:30pm. Housing, meals, and snacks are provided as part of your registration fee. In addition to the \$150/person (or \$300/couple) that you were responsible for, the district paid \$100/person (or \$200/couple) for the tests you took. We are investing in you because we believe you are called by God and will be used in awesome ways to build His Kingdom.

Please note the following checklist that must be completed prior to coming to the assessment:

1. Testing with Wayne Hennen
2. State Police clearance – Act 33 Criminal record clearance
3. Children Services clearance- Act 34 Child abuse clearance
4. Prepare and bring with you a 15 minute sermon (Deacon candidates prepare a 15 minute devotional). The focus of the sermon or devotional is to motive your congregation (deacon: ministry participants such as the choir) to lead someone to Christ that very week. You are not preaching/ teaching an evangelistic message aimed at bringing people to the altar. You are preaching/ teaching a message to motivate them to be missional in their outreach to others.
5. Prepare and bring with you a personal budget (annual or monthly)
6. Spiritual Formation Exercise - The candidate is to complete and type their responses to the Spiritual Formation Exercises (enclosed) and bring it with you to the weekend. Your spouse should type and fill out sections #1 and #3 of the Spiritual Formation Exercises and bring it along as well.
7. Prepare and bring with you a list of the names and contact information of three (3) people who are willing to be references for your spiritual development. These will be listed on the last page of the Spiritual Formation Exercise.

You will need to bring your own linens for the dorms.

If you have any questions, please call Rev. Paul Willette, Assessment Director, at (724) 284-1304 or email him at willettep@peoplepc.com. I will be happy to try and help you.

There are many who are praying for you throughout the Assessment May God bless you as you prepare for this event and may He use it to bring honor and growth to His Kingdom.

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