

PC(USA) resources for pastor nominating committees and other search committees

Church Leadership Connection (CLC) Resources

The homepage for CLC resources for calling organizations is:

<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/clc/clc/clc-calling-organizations-churches/>

From here you will find links to many types of resources.

The CLC System Training Video Collection goes over the “nuts and bolts” of using the CLC.

Clerk of Session User Guide

This goes through the steps the Clerk of Session will need to do to:

1. invite the chair of the search committee to join the CLC site
2. enter in church data on the MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile)
3. certify when the session has approved the MDP

Call Process Checklist

This one-page sheet lists the basic steps in calling a new pastor.

MDP – Blank Form

It would be good for each member of the PNC to have a copy of this as you work on completing the MDP (which will be entered on the online form)

A Complete Guide for Creating and Matching an MDP

This document goes through the process step by step. You will need this as you work on the MDP, post it, and then use the CLC to find candidates for your position.

CLC Glossary of Terms & Processes

This document provides definitions of terms used plus explains what’s new in the revised CLC. Can serve as a reference before and as you work with the CLC.

PDP Blank Form

The PDP (Personal Discernment Profile) is what call seekers submit to the CLC, along with their competency survey.

Guide to the Competency Survey & Match Criteria

The competency survey is what call seekers complete when they post their PDP (Personal Discernment Profile). Responses to the competency survey are compared to the match criteria values entered by the PNC to sort call-seekers on the basis of their “fit” to what the congregation is seeking in a pastor.

Presbytery of Geneva resources for pastor nominating committees and other search committees

Resources for seeking a pastor are found on the Committee on Ministry page of the presbytery's website: <https://www.presbyteryofgeneva.org/committee-on-ministry>

[Introduction to Pastoral Transitions](#)

[Types of Pastoral Relationships](#)

[Transition Process of Congregation Chart](#)

[Searching for a Transitional Pastor](#)

[Congregational Self-Study](#)

[Searching for an Installed Pastor](#)

[On Calling a Pastor \(PCUSA\)](#)

This is a great resource to use as a search committee gets started. Pages 5-26 provide a good foundation to the process of seeking a pastor. The sections after this refer to the "old" CLC process and so aren't very helpful.

Guidelines and other information on ordination and installation are also found on this site.