

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

### **Church Leadership Connection (CLC) Resources**

The homepage for CLC resources is:

<https://www.pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/call-process/church-leadership-connection>

Scroll down and click on the link for Calling Organizations/Churches to see:

1. **CLC System Training Series for PNCs** that goes over the “nuts and bolts” of using the CLC.
2. **CLC User Guide for Clerks of Session** that goes through the steps the Clerk of Session will need to do (i.e., Invite the search committee chair to join the CLC site, enter in church data on the MDP, and certify when the session has approved the MDP.
3. **CLC – Call Process Checklist** that is a one-page sheet that lists the basic steps in calling a new pastor.
4. **CLC – A Complete Guide to Creating a Ministry Discernment Profile.** The instructions in this guide will be critical to completing your MDP.
5. **CLC – Ministry Profile Information Form.** This is a blank MDP. Each member of the PNC should have a copy of this as you work on drafts of the MDP. The final MDP will be entered online. Session members might also benefit from having a copy.
6. **CLC – Glossary of Terms and New Procedures.** 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.
7. **CLC – How to Read & Write the New MDP Narrative Questions.** Provides some help in understanding the purpose of each narrative question
8. **CLC – MDP vs. MIF Narrative Questions.** This will be useful for members of search committees who remember the old Ministry Information Forms (MIFs).

At the bottom of the main CLC resources page for calling organizations, you’ll see links to:

- Other Tutorial Videos (I don’t recommend these)
- CLC System FAQ
- CLC Competency (Compatibility) Survey Info

Search committees may want to look at **the CLC’s Personal Discernment Profile Form (PDP)** that is filled out by call seekers. You can find this, and other resources for call seekers, by clicking on the link to Guidance & Training Tools for Call Seekers.

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

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

These include:

1. Introduction to Pastoral Transitions
2. Types of Pastoral Relationships
3. Transition Process of Congregation Chart
4. Searching for a Transitional Pastor
5. Congregational Self-Study
6. Searching for an Installed Pastor
7. On Calling a Pastor (PCUSA) This is an old, but still relevant, resource to use as a search committee gets started. Pages 5-26 provide a very good Biblical and faith foundation to the process of seeking a pastor. However, the sections after this refer to the “old” CLC process and so aren’t helpful.

Guidelines and other information on ordination and installation are also found on the Geneva Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry Resources webpage.