

Priesthood Call Process for Michigan Mission Center

1. Pastor prayerfully considers the needs of the congregation for priesthood leadership.
 - Others may talk to pastor, but this shouldn't be discussed; only accepted.
 - May discuss potential calls with counselors, no one else
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2. When a call is discerned, counselors are involved in the process.
 - Obtain a form from www.cofchristmi.org (resources, forms, priesthood) or contact the MC office (888-853-2339) ext. 21
 - If you are unsure if the candidate is a consistent financial contributor or a registered youth worker, check with a Mission Center Financial Officer for verification, or check "unknown" and it will be verified once the application is received by the Mission Center President. If either of these qualifications are not met, you will be informed.
 - Fill out form paying special attention to your discerning experience
 - Collect statements from counselors
 - Consider possible mentors
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3. Send form to your Congregational Support Group Leader--**CONFIDENTIAL**

4. CSG leaders will prayerfully consider the call.
 - Pastor may be asked to speak about the call in person or by phone
 - Afterwards deliberations continue
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5. Once approved by the CSG leaders, the recommendation is sent to the MCP for final approval.
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6. Once approved, the pastor and CSG leader will receive a letter from MCP
 - Call may be presented to potential ordinand
 - May not be discussed with anyone else
 - Once call is accepted, it may be shared with the congregation
 - One year time limit from acceptance to ordination

7. During this one year these things must happen.
 - Ordinand must complete required Temple School classes (if already completed, take another one related to ministry)
 - Ordinand must become registered youth worker (if not already)
 - Ordinand be assigned and work with a mentor
 - Congregation must approve the call in a business meeting. The vote must be recorded in the minutes.
 - Ordination takes place with appropriate priesthood administering the ordination

- *Highly recommended* that the Ordinand complete a sermon preparation and delivery course prior to pulpit ministry assignments
8. Pastor assures that the Ordination is recorded (local recorder or MC assigned recorder) and reports ordination to Mission Center Office