

**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

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**SELECTION PROCESS
FOR PRESBYTER / DEACON CANDIDATES
FOR MINISTRY**

In offering as a candidate for ordained ministry training, a person opens him/herself to a series of processes of the Church which cover the whole period of training and preparation for ordination. The selection process set out herein is the first in this series of processes.

This leaflet should be read in conjunction with **Information Leaflet No. 2**, which sets out the criteria for selection for **presbyter candidates**, or **Information Leaflet No. 3**, which sets out the criteria for selection for **deacon candidates**. More details regarding the process are available in the candidates' application pack.

It is important that the Church and every person accepted for training understands that such acceptance cannot be a guarantee of eventual ordination.

During training the development of students is subject to annual assessment and review and at each review a decision is made as to whether training and preparation are to continue.

SYNOD EVALUATION & PROCESS

The candidate notifies the synod candidate convener.

The synod candidate convener provides the candidate with an application pack and assists the candidate to assemble a support group.

The Candidate:

- Completes application forms
- Sees that references are completed
- Checks financial details for accuracy
- Ensures that health checks are completed and police report is obtained.

The Synod Candidate Convener:

- Completes the synod report (with synod candidates committee)
- Presents the report to ministerial synod.

The Ministerial Synod:

Decides whether the candidate

- is ready to proceed to National Assessment
- needs to engage in further ministry and synod experience
- is unsuitable for ministry training.

If approved by Synod, the candidate proceeds to National Assessment.

ASSESSMENT WEEKEND

May:

- The candidate attends the assessment weekend
- The assessment team assesses the candidate by criteria determined by Mission Resourcing.
- The assessment team report and recommendation are forwarded to the Mission Resourcing.
- The Mission Resourcing Board formally advises the candidate and the synod candidate convener of the recommendation, and sends a copy of the assessment team's report to the candidate.

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