

Proposed Procedural Process for Ordination and Licensing for Ministry – Becks Reformed Church

- 1) Candidate shall be recommended to the Consistory by written notice the Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor shall state to the Consistory why he believes this candidate(s) are qualified and prepared for the office for which they seek licensing or ordination.
- 2) The Candidates shall be interviewed by the Consistory and inquiry shall be made as to:
 - a) A testimony of their call to the office for which they are seeking authorization.
 - b) The candidate shall describe why they wish to be authorized for this office.
 - c) A description of the candidate's perception of the duties of the office for which they seek authorization.
 - d) Discussion of how they perceive this authorization will affect their future in terms of their Christian service and ministry?
 - e) Does the candidate's family support their call to ministry?
 - f) How does the candidate see or understand their ongoing relationship top Beck's Reformed Church?
- 3) Doctrines and Faith Statement of the Candidate.
 - a) Describe your understanding of the nature of God.
 - b) Describe your understanding of the nature of man.
 - c) Describe your views of sin and how the problem of sin is remedied.
 - d) Describe how salvation comes into a person's life.
 - e) How does the salvation event affect a person who has come to saving faith?
 - f) What are your views of Holy Scripture?
 - g) Describe your view of the Church?
 - h) Do you personally confess as you own the faith confessed in the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed?
 - i) Have you read the Heidelberg Catechism? Do you accept its teachings?
- 4) Will the candidate honor their faith confession and seek to die to themselves and live to the glory and honor of Christ Jesus? Will they seek to serve the Lord in the office to which they are called and be ever seeking the will of Christ in their ministry and witness.

Upon an affirmative vote by the Consistory, the candidate(s) shall be presented to the Congregation at a called or stated meeting (the Congregation having been dutifully notified) and by secret ballot be affirmed or denied. A 2/3 majority vote shall be required for affirmation.

After a positive affirmation, the candidate shall be ordained/licensed at a special service for the candidate.