STEPS TO COMING UNDER CARE

CANDIDATES COMMITTEE

NORTH TEXAS PRESBYTERY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

- 1. You must be a member of a PCA congregation for at least six months (BCO 18-8).
- 2. Your application must be received by the Clerk of the Candidates Committee at least six weeks prior to the meeting of Presbytery at which you desire to be examined for coming under care (BCO 18-2, SR 7-2.2). This will allow time for notification of the Stated Clerk of Presbytery and insure you a place on the examination docket at the meeting of Presbytery at which you wish to be examined.
- 3. You must include with your application a **one-page** testimony regarding your Christian experience and call to the ministry.
- 4. You must secure the endorsement of your Session and insure that the Moderator or Clerk of the Session will forward the Sessional Endorsement form to the Clerk of the Candidates Committee
- 5. Note: All paper work must be received by the Candidates Committee Clerk at least six weeks before the Presbytery meeting at which you wish to be examined. Please note that the paper work deadline and the application deadline are the same.
- 6. You must be examined by the Candidates Committee on experiential religion and your motives for seeking the ministry (BCO 18-3, SR 7-2.1). The date and time for the Committee examination shall be set in consultation with a representative of the Committee. The Committee examination usually takes place about four weeks prior to the meeting of Presbytery.
- 7. You must be examined on the floor of Presbytery (BCO 18-3, SR 7-2.4) in the same areas as in (6) above.
- 8. You must respond affirmatively before the Presbytery to the questions in BCO 18-3.