

When Presbytery is the Presbytery of Call:

The Committee on Ministry shall familiarize itself with the Board of Pensions Seminary Debt Assistance Program and its requirements. It shall identify which churches currently in the calling process might meet the requirements for such assistance to its pastor and consult with the Pastor Nominating Committee regarding the Program.

The Committee on Ministry shall consult with each pastor candidate who is a graduate of a PC(USA) seminary within the previous five years, and who is a candidate for pastor of a church which meets the Program requirements, regarding the availability of the Seminary Debt Assistance Program.

Each candidate for a position within the Presbytery who is within five years of graduation from seminary and who has any educational indebtedness shall be required, within two years of the call, to attend a financial planning seminar for young pastors given by the Board of Pensions. The calling church shall make continuing education time and funds available for such attendance.