

## **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY CAREER COUNSELING INFORMATION**

People who want to become Inquirers can arrange to go through the career counseling program at any time after they or their pastor have contacted the CPM chairperson or Presbytery staff resource person. This can be either before or after they have appeared before the session for endorsement. They must, however, complete the career counseling program before they meet with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

The counseling center will provide materials giving details about their counseling programs. It is usually a multi-day experience including time to explore the results of career and personality tests, life experiences and issues, and any concerns related to life changes for individuals and families that are part of any decision to explore or be educated for the ministry. The program includes several hours of counseling, including time with a psychologist.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry also believes that it is helpful for the spouse or fiancé (if applicable) of the potential inquirer to share in this career counseling experience if it is possible. The ministry has a definite effect on marriages and families, and these issues can be discussed during the counseling time. It is also very helpful for the spouse or fiancé to know what their partner is experiencing.

The CPM has approved this location for career counseling:

Lutheran Counseling Services  
1505 Orchid Avenue  
Winter Park, FL 32789  
Office: (407) 644-4692  
Website: [www.LCSFL.com](http://www.LCSFL.com)

The current cost of the career counseling program is \$1275. The CPM's policy is that the cost of the career program be shared by the potential inquirer, the sponsoring church, and the Presbytery—with each paying 1/3 (or \$425 each). If an inquirer would like to use a different center in some other part of the country, the CPM Chairperson or Presbytery staff person must approve this alternative. However, the Presbytery will still pay only \$425 of the cost.

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