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#### Purpose

The purpose of ministerial ordination for an individual is the public affirmation by the church of a sense of calling by God and the commitment of their life to a particular ministry. Ordination by Poplar Springs Baptist Church is the acknowledgement, approval, and authorization for the individual to serve in ministry. The church is charged with selecting men and women whose walk with the Lord is respected, wise, and demonstrated by a lifestyle that they are full of the Holy Spirit.

#### License

The licensing of an individual is the church's acknowledgement sensing God's call to ministry for that person. In regard to the practice of granting a license for a minister the following steps shall be taken by the church:

1. The person to be licensed makes a public decision in the church and expresses his / her feeling that God is specifically calling for ministry.
2. The individual requests the church to grant a license.
3. The church votes on the request to grant the license. Approval shall be by at least a majority of members present and voting.
4. A "Certificate of License" is presented to the minister.

## Ordination

The following steps shall be taken by the church to grant ministerial ordination:

1. The person seeking ordination writes a letter requesting ordination to the Chairman of Deacons.
2. The Chairman of Deacons presents the request to Deacon body and asks for permission to request that the church convene an an Ordination Council.
3. The individual gives their testimony to the church.
4. The church must approve by majority vote, the convening of an Ordination Council.
5. The Ordination Council is chaired by the Pastor. Members of the Ordination Council are invited by the Body of Deacons.
6. The Ordination Council votes on whether to recommend that the church proceed with the ordination of the candidate. The council may choose to delay the ordination or even reject the candidate.
7. If the Council votes to recommend ordination, the Chairman of the Ordination Council presents the recommendation to the church, either at a regular business meeting or a called business meeting, for church approval.
8. If the church approves, a date for an Ordination service is set.
9. A Certificate of Ordination is presented at the service.