

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. (Jer. 29.7) The prophet’s message is to the exiles, to pray for the city and the city will bless you.

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the lord of the harvest to send labors into his harvest.’ Mt. 9:35-38

“The spirit is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor. “ Luke 4:18-19

In Jesus we find the supreme expression of God’s presence in the cities. Jesus did not flee the challenges and ills of the city. He entered the cities so he could address the needs. He lived among the unsaved. Should the church not do the same?

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, ...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded, and I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28. The call of God is to follow Jesus into the city. The authority given to the disciples was to do ministry in the city. The lord instructs disciples for ministry in the city with a promise to be with disciples in ministry to the city.

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P-19 QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

When a candidate is received under care of the Presbytery, the Moderator shall ask the following questions of the candidate before the candidate is declared enrolled:

Do you believe yourself to be called by God to the ordered ministry of teaching elder?

Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to maintain a Christian character and conduct, and to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for this ministry?

Do you accept the proper supervision of the presbytery in matters that concern your preparation for this ministry?

Do you desire now to be received by this presbytery as a candidate for the ordered ministry of teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?

If these questions are answered in the affirmative, a brief charge shall be given, the candidate’s name shall be recorded on the presbytery’s roll of candidates, and the proceedings shall close with prayer.

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P-20 USE OF STYROFOAM CONTAINERS AND BOTTLED WATER

Styrofoam containers and individual bottled water shall not be provided at presbytery meetings, functions of all types, and participants are asked to bring their own water in containers of their choice. Congregations hosting Presbytery meetings are requested to abide with this policy.

P-21. POLICY ON SPECIAL COMMITTEES FOR LOCAL CHURCH MATTERS