

Outline for Ordination Paper Mission Northwest

General Format

The ordination paper is a written articulation of your experience and theology. The paper should be between 18 and 25 pages in length. For ease of reading and reference, please submit your paper in the following manner:

- Double-spaced and 12 point font (Verdana and Arial are the easiest to read electronically)
- One inch margins
- Use the “line numbers” function as well as page numbers
- Place Biblical reference and version used in parentheses immediately after statement it is used for. Use footnotes or endnotes for all other citations.

Journey to Ministry Narrative (4 to 6 pages)

- Family of origin, present family
- Education
- Salvation Experience
- Call to Ministry
- Passion, gifting and spiritual life
- Personal commitment to Mission Northwest and/or ABC-USA

Personal Theological Beliefs (14 to 16 page document that includes one’s understanding of the following)

Trinity:

- God, the Father
- God, the Son
- God, the Holy Spirit

Scripture, authority and purpose

Theological Anthropology:

- Human beings as created in the image of God
- Co-humanity (male/female) and sexual ethics for humans
- Humanity’s role in creation as God’s image bearers
- Male and female roles in ministry

Satan, Fall, Sin and Evil

Gospel and Salvation

The Church:

- The church’s mission
 - Evangelism
 - Discipleship
 - Outreach

- Missions
- Social justice
- The church and its relationship to the Kingdom of God
- The church and culture
- The church as a worshiping community
- Ordinances
- The role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church
- Church Polity and Governance
 - Membership
 - Local church and its relationship to other Mission Northwest churches
- The role of Mission Northwest with the wider expression of Christianity

Theology of the minister's call and role in the church

Eschatology:

- Resurrection
- Final judgment
- New heaven/new earth
- Hell