

CPM STATEMENT OF FAITH REQUIREMENTS

6.07 Statement of Faith (Candidacy and Final Assessment)

1. This brief (one-page, single-spaced, typed) statement should express the individual's personal faith in his or her own words. It should not be a restatement of the Apostles' or Nicene Creed or any other affirmation of faith.

2. It should address the major themes of Christian doctrine and the Reformed tradition including:

- a. Belief about God,
- b. The Trinity,
- c. Humanity,
- d. Scripture,
- e. Sin and evil,
- f. The nature and mission of the Church,
- g. The Sacraments (both baptism and Lord's Supper),
- h. The nature of Christian ministry, and
- i. Eschatology.

3. The CPM will assess whether or not the candidate's theological views are compatible with the confessional documents of the church. This will be based on the prepared statement of faith and the candidate's ability to expand upon, pastorally apply, and defend his or her views. At the Final Assessment, any departure(s) from Reformed doctrine will require a separate theological essay outlining position, assumptions and conclusions to support each departure. This theological essay will accompany the one-page Statement of Faith.