

Salem Presbytery Guidelines for Statement of Faith Submissions

The Examinations Task Force of the Salem Commission on Ministry requires a one-page statement of faith. The Examinations Committee will review the document and ask appropriate questions as deemed necessary during the formal examination time. In preparation, the Examinations Committee wishes to aid all who desire to transfer their membership or become a member of Salem Presbytery by providing a rubric of what should be discussed within a submitted statement of faith. While it's not an exhaustive list, it provides a general outline of our shared beliefs as reformed Christians. The statement of faith will be presented before Salem Presbytery as a part of the docket when the approved candidate is officially welcomed, or as a part of the oral examination for those presented before the body to be ordained.

Items to address in your Statement of Faith:

What do you believe about...

- The Trinity
- Creation, Sin, and Redemption
- Salvation (Christ's death and resurrection)
- Scripture
- The Sacraments
- The Church

Other items that you may be examined on:

What do you think about...

- Presbyterian Polity and its use in ministry
- Reformed Theology and its particular distinctives from other Christian traditions
- The practice of Sabbath in your own ministerial life
- Theologians, books, and practices that have shaped your understanding of ministry