

# INTRODUCTION

Please accept the warmest greetings of the Credentials Committee of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery. We want to take this opportunity to inform you about the process you are undertaking. The Credentials Committee is responsible to examine and make recommendations of each man who desires to be received by presbytery – come under its care or minister in its bounds. To do this effectively, we must ask certain questions and thus we require specific information.

Though these forms and procedures may appear complex and involved, the Credentials Committee has labored to make them brief and to the point. We desire to summarize and simplify the process so that all will benefit. To guide you, we have drawn from the *Book of Church Order* and the Standing Rules of Presbytery all the necessary information needed by each applicant and condensed it into the attached “Guidelines.”

**READ THE “GUIDELINES” BEFORE FILLING OUT THE FORMS!**

The “Guidelines” explain which forms must be filled out in which situations. You may not need to fill them all out, so read the directions.

**ALL APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY.** If not, they will be returned. No hard copy or handwritten forms will be accepted.

**A photograph must accompany your application!** We will not begin to process your application until your photo is received.

**SCHEDULE OF DEADLINES:** The Credentials Committee meets two months before each meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery. All applications, reports, papers and requests must be received in time to allow for distribution and study. The following deadlines **MUST** be observed.

**February 19, 2010 for May 4, 2010 Presbytery**  
**May 28, 2010 for August 3, 2010 Presbytery**  
**August 27, 2010 for November 2, 2010 Presbytery**  
**November 26, 2010 for February 1, 2011 Presbytery**

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## SCHEDULE OF DEADLINES

(For Examinations)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Presbytery Meeting</b>	<b>Credentials Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Deadline for Submission to Credentials Committee</b>
2010	February 2 May 4 August 3 November 2	December 8, 2009 March 9 June 15 September 14	November 20, 2009 February 19 May 28 August 27
2011	February 1 May 3 August 2 November 1	December 14, 2010 March 8 June 14 September 13	November 26, 2010 February 11 May 27 August 26
2012	February 7 May 1 August 7 November 6	December 13, 2011 March 13 June 12 September 11	November 25, 2011 February 24 May 25 August 31