

# APPROVED CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Commission on Ministry  
Pittsburgh Presbytery

Pittsburgh Presbytery has a policy which requires all Inquirers of Pittsburgh Presbytery to participate in a Career Development Center program. This is done during the first six months a person is an Inquirer.

This program consists basically of two parts: a battery of tests which the Inquirer will complete and a session of counseling based upon the tests. The Counselor and Inquirer write up a report of the experience. The Inquirer signs a release which permits this report to be sent to the Commission on Preparation for Ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery. The aim of the program is to help the Inquirer assess strengths and weaknesses and to indicate steps by which the Inquirer may gain the most benefit from his/her Seminary experience. The purpose of sending a report to the Commission on Preparation for Ministry is to aid the Commission in its "gatekeeping" function and to provide information useful in providing maximum support to the Inquirer/Candidate during the years of preparation.

The Inquirer is responsible for making contact with the center selected, for completing the program, for signing the release, and for making financial settlement for the service. Presbytery's action specified that Presbytery would pay 40% of the cost, the church to which the Inquirer belongs would pay 40%, and the Inquirer would pay 20%. The cost at each center is approximately \$800-\$1,100.

The most frequently used centers are:

Pittsburgh Pastoral Institute  
6324 Marchand Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
412-661-1239  
<http://www.ppi-online.org/>

Midwest Ministry Development Service  
1840 Westchester Boulevard, Suite 204  
Westchester, IL 60154-4334  
1-708-343-6268  
<http://www.midwestministry.org>

Center for Career Development and Ministry  
30 Milton Street, Suite 107  
Dedham, MA 02026  
1-781-329-2100  
[ccdmin@aol.com](mailto:ccdmin@aol.com)  
<http://www.ccdmin.org/>

Turner Ministry Resource Center  
2022 Fifteenth Avenue  
Columbus, GA 31901  
1-706-649-6500 / 1-800-649-6446  
<http://www.pilink.org>