**Pre-Entrance**

**Step One – Steps for Pre-Entrance in Candidacy**

**Components for Pre-Entrance**

1. Review a copy of our Candidacy brochure which broadly outlines Candidacy and which can be found at [http://spselca.org/index.php/candidacy/](http://spselca.org/index.php/candidacy/)
2. Talk with the Sierra Pacific Synod’s Office of the Bishop. Steve Wright, our Directory of Candidacy, is available at steve@spselca.org
3. Work with a Discernment Partner, when recommended;
4. See ELCA Candidacy Resources available at: [http://www.elca.org/Resources/Candidacy#StartHere](http://www.elca.org/Resources/Candidacy#StartHere)
5. Complete the online ELCA Candidacy Application (the first official step in Candidacy) found at: [http://www.elca.org/Resources/Candidacy#Candidates](http://www.elca.org/Resources/Candidacy#Candidates)

*(PLEASE NOTE: We are the Sierra Pacific Synod, Synod 2A. New applicants must first create an ELCA Community account [please, do not duplicate the creation of a Community Account], and then complete and submit the Application. When the Application is complete, please print, sign, and date the appropriate pages of the Application, usually pages 6 and 7;)*

6. Complete the Entrance Essay *(the prompt for this essay is found in the Application, typically on page 6, in a box identified as Entrance Essay);*
7. Send a copy of the signed and dated Application, a copy of your Entrance Essay, and a photograph of yourself to the Office of the Bishop at the address below or by email to Laurie@spselca.org

Once the above documents are received, we will work to connect you with one of our Candidacy Committee members for an Initial Interview.

8. Meet with a Candidacy Committee member for the Initial Interview. Once your Initial Interview report is received, we will have a sense about the ‘next step’ in the process.

*For more details about the Candidacy process, please visit: [https://www.elca.org/Resources/Candidacy](https://www.elca.org/Resources/Candidacy) to download the most recent Candidacy Manual (October 2019).*

**Send Pre-Entrance materials to:**

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