

## 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/>
2. Talk with the Sierra Pacific Synod's Office of the Bishop. Steve Wright, our Directory of Candidacy, is available at [steve@spselca.org](mailto: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>
5. Complete the online ELCA Candidacy Application (the first official step in Candidacy) found at: <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](mailto: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> to download the most recent Candidacy Manual (October 2019).

#### Send Pre-Entrance materials to:

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