

Converge Great Lakes (CGL) Ordination Processes

There are two processes by which a person can be ordained in Converge Great Lakes (CGL).

One is local church focused the other invites the district leadership directly into the process and is a little more extensive.

District Process: (Option 1)

1. The ordaining church initiates contact with the CGL District Executive Minister (DEM) and let him know they have a candidate who is eligible for ordination.
2. The DEM contacts the person and describes the process:

An ordination document would need to be prepared that would have a description of:

- a. Conversion experience
- b. Call to ministry
- c. Theological and biblical convictions in the major areas of faith
- d. Philosophy of ministry

Step One: Preordination Council

This council is always chaired by the DEM. Three to five other members need to be chosen and all from CGL and the ordaining church. At this meeting, an in depth review of the ordination document will occur with the prospective candidate. This is usually the most intensive part of the process.

As a result of this Council, there will be one of three recommendations to the ordaining church. Either the person will be recommended without any reservation, recommended with specific recommendations, or not recommended to go ahead with ordination.

Step Two: Ordination Council

The church will announce to their congregation that the candidate will be eligible for ordination and that a council has been called on certain date to convene the conference. Letters will be sent out to local pastors, both in CGL and others. Delegates from the sending churches will be requested.

If the DEM is able to come to this meeting, he will come but it is not contingent on his participation. He and the district have already signed off and an ordination certificate from the district will be sent for this meeting. Depending on the recommendation of this meeting, an actual ordination service will be conducted, typically the next day (Sunday) afternoon or evening.

Step Three: Ordination Service

This is normally planned by the candidate and the ordaining church.

Church Process (Option 2)

This would eliminate Step One, but everything else would be the same.