

NTA Committee on Ministry
Psychological Evaluation Information Sheet

Congratulations on your ministry journey. The Psychological Evaluation is a required part of the process towards ordination or licensure.

The North Texas Association has arranged with Gary Kindley, D.Min., LPC, CSAT, CMAT to conduct the Evaluation.

The candidate should contact Dr. Kindley directly at [214-499-8181](tel:214-499-8181); gary@cciadallas.org. After the candidate speaks with Dr. Kindley, the candidate will need to contact Dr. Katherine Pang, PhD. to schedule the testing portion of the psychological assessment. Dr. Pang will administer the MMPI (Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory) and send the results to Dr. Kindley. Once Dr. Kindley receives the report, the candidate will meet with Dr. Kindley for an interview. In that interview, Dr. Kindley will review the report with the candidate and will write up an assessment for the Committee on Ministry.

The total cost of the Psychological Assessment is \$500. Half of that cost (\$250) must be paid to Dr. Pang at the time she administers the MMPI. The other half must be paid to Dr. Kindley. The North Texas Association has agreed to pay one-third of that total cost of \$500, which equals \$167. The Member in Discernment must pay one-third. The Member's sponsoring church pays one-third.

In order to make this work equitably for everyone - and so that the candidate does not have to come out of pocket for more than her/his share and then wait for reimbursement - we request that the candidate and the sponsoring church each send their share (\$167 each) to the NTA Treasurer in advance. The candidate should let the NTA Treasurer know when the appointment with Dr. Pang is scheduled so that the Treasurer can mail a check to Dr. Pang prior to the appointment.

The candidate must let the NTA Treasurer know about the appointment far enough in advance that the Treasurer can mail the check and have it reach Dr. Pang before the appointment. However, the Treasurer will not be able to do that until she has received the \$167 share from both the candidate and the candidate's sponsoring church. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that he/she sends a check and that the sponsoring church sends its check to the NTA in a timely manner.

If this procedure is not followed then the candidate will need to pay the full cost to each of Dr. Pang and Dr. Kindley at the time the service is rendered and then request reimbursement from the NTA for its share and from the sponsoring church for its share. Since most Members in Discernment cannot afford to pay the full cost and then wait for reimbursement, the first method is preferable.

So, to restate - if the candidate wants to avoid paying the full cost up front and then waiting for reimbursement from the NTA and the sponsoring church the candidate needs to:

1. Send a check to the NTA Treasurer for the candidate's share (\$167);
2. Have the candidate's sponsoring church send a check to the NTA Treasurer for its share (\$167);
3. Speak with Dr. Kindley and then schedule an appointment with Dr. Pang;
4. Let the NTA Treasurer know the date of the appointment with Dr. Pang. The Treasurer will then send a check to Dr. Pang and a check to Gary Kindley.
5. It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that both the candidate and the sponsoring church send their respective shares to the NTA Treasurer in a timely manner. If the Treasurer has not received both checks, she will not issue payment to Dr. Pang and Dr. Kindley and you will need to reschedule your appointment after she has received the funds.

Dr. Kindley's contact information is: [214-499-8181](tel:214-499-8181); gary@cciadallas.org
You can reach Dr. Pang at [214-531-7624](tel:214-531-7624).

Checks sent to the NTA Treasurer should be made out to North Texas Association, United Church of Christ and mailed to Ann Stockert, NTA Treasurer, 7942 Fair Oaks, Dallas, Tx 75231. Ann's phone number is 214-341-2166. Her email is: annstock@flash.net