

Announcement of the 49th Licenced Preacher Examination

The General Assembly of the World Presbyterian Church announces the 49th Licenced Preacher examination as follows.

*Applicants may choose to submit all documents and exams in either Korean or English.

Qualifications for Application

Graduates and expected graduates of the Master of Divinity (M.Div) from the International Reformed University and Seminary directly operated by the General Assembly

Graduates and expected graduates of the Master of Divinity (M.Div) from a theological seminary recognized by the General Assembly

Pastoral candidates affiliated with the Presbytery under the General Assembly

Examination Date and Location

Examination Date: June 2(Mon), 2025 , 3PM

Examination Location: Melite Church , 1901 Beverly Blvd. L.A. 90057
(Tel) 213-820-0003

Accommodation and Meals: In principle, each examinee is responsible for his or her own accommodation and meals during the examination period

Examination Subjects

Written Examination: Church history, Systematic theology, History of the American Presbyterian Church (USA), Constitution

Submission Subjects: Commentary, Thesis, Sermon

Submission Subjects Contents

Commentary: James 2:14-25

Thesis: "Based on the purpose for which God established national leaders, discuss the biblical view of the state and the attitude of Christians"

Sermon: Text: 1 Kings 11:1-13

Interview : After the Written Examination

The booklet and reference materials for preparing for the written exam will be sent after the Examination Department receives the application documents and exam fees.

Guidelines for Subjects to Submit

Written commentary, Thesis, and Sermon should be prepared according to the guidelines below. Print one copy and submit it, and create a PDF file and submit the other copy to the Examination Department secretary via email.

Use Letter Size (8.5 x 11) for the document size.

Use Korean font size 11 with 160% line spacing.

Use English font size 12 with double space line spacing.

Thesis should be at least 15 pages, commentary should be at least 10 pages each, and sermon manuscripts should be about 20 minutes long for the sermon.

Thesis and commentary should follow the thesis writing method (Turabian) and use footnotes.

When sending a PDF file, name the file with the applicant's name and thesis title.

Please send all documents as PDF files first by email and by regular mail, then the originals to the Examinations Secretary.

For further details and questions, please contact Rev. Seo Jong-un, the Examinations Department Secretary.

Application Documents

1 copy of a regular M.Div. degree certificate or certificate of expected graduation from the Theological Seminary (M. Div.)

1 copy of transcripts from all courses of the Theological Seminary.

1 copy of recommendation letter from the moderator of the presbytery

1 copy of certificate of Pastor Candidate for the Presbytery

1 copy of resume (detailed religious experience must be included)

2 profile photos (2 inch x 2 inch)

Examination fee: \$300.00 (Payable to G.A.W.P.C.)

Document Submission Guidelines

All application documents must arrive at the Secretary by April 3, 2025

Thesis, commentary, and sermon must arrive at the clerk by April 30, 2025.

All submitted documents will not be returned

The announcement of successful candidates will be made during the 49th General Assembly, and after the General Assembly, the certificate of passing will be delivered to the presbytery moderator to which the successful candidate belongs, and each applicant can receive the certificate of passing from the Presbytery through the licensure ceremony for the Licenced Preacher.

Where to submit application documents and thesis

Examination Department Secretary: Rev. Seo Jong-woon

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