

**Candidacy Pathways- DUCC National Gathering Responses**  
**May 2015**

Affirmations:

- Reducing levels of “hoops” is a good idea. Reducing the number of people involved will have a better chance that the people will be better informed about Diaconal Ministers and equipped for interviewing and assessing
- The discernment weekend provided a good exposure to DM (more intentional and perhaps thorough)
- Eliminating dual roles of accompaniment and assessment
- Longer period for accompaniment (more consistent through the whole process)
- The concept of learning outcomes as guidelines of assessment

Concerns:

- Use of “training” rather than “education” reflects a perspective that is not respectful of candidates or ministry.
- Why two processes for lay and ordered? We would recommend single process for both lay and ordered ministry. (Question – If there is “one order” would this change the process?)

Questions:

- Would this process encourage or increase the diversity of call?
- What would be expected of CCS graduates for 2 year post internships? Document is not clear.
- Is this proposal for the church of the future?
- What is the role of the theological school in the formation?
- Reformation about diversity. Biology is diverse. Embrace messiness. Can we organize transformation? How can we be at the edge and the centre at the same time? Hard to imagine!