

MFCA Core Values

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We value being proactive in contributing to the success of our candidates therefore we

- help candidates discern and respond to their call to ministry with integrity
- offer equal and fair access to those who are called to ministry
- recognize that barriers exist (language, disabilities) but we do not allow them to deter the candidate from responding to the call to ministry
- demonstrate love and respect for every candidate

We value the integrity of a certification process that balances care for candidates and the church's traditions therefore we uphold

- rigorous but not rigid application of the standards
- being instinctively and intentionally relational as we approach our work
- the distinctive roles of all parties in the process
- honest, direct communication with the candidate

We value the distinctive role the MFCA plays in strengthening the ministry of the RCA therefore we commit to

- providing an educated clergy from all regions of the church
- working with diverse candidates from non-traditional backgrounds
- remaining culturally relevant
- a diversity of voices around the table
- good stewardship of the resources given to us