

WAIVER PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Description

The Board of Trustees of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary encourages sessions and presbyteries to take seriously their commitment to their candidates in prayer, oversight, and financial support. The Board has established a waiver program so that the student under care of a presbytery or session of an approved denomination may have his tuition waived if:

- 1) *The sending presbytery supports the Seminary at the rate of \$2.00 per communicant member per year per student, with the minimum of \$2,000 per year per student, OR*
- 2) *The sending church supports the Seminary at the rate of \$20.00 per communicant member per year per student, with the minimum of \$1,000 per year per student.*

Term of Support

The Seminary requires the sending church/presbytery to support the Seminary for the equivalent of at least one academic year prior to a particular student's matriculation. Once a student graduates, the sending church/presbytery is expected to continue supporting the Seminary at the appropriate level (according to the rates delineated above), as long as the sending church/presbytery is able and willing to partner with Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. *The only way that the Seminary can sustain this waiver program is by good faith partnership in financial support from those churches/presbyteries that enter into the program with the Seminary.* If a waiver church/presbytery stops supporting the Seminary upon the graduation of its candidate, the Seminary reserves the right to refuse renewal of the waiver relationship when said waiver church/presbytery desires to send another candidate to the Seminary under the waiver program.

Waiver Hours

Students whose tuition charges are waived due to ecclesiastical support are required to work for the Seminary for at least one hour per week for every three credit hours taken, not to exceed four hours per week. These work hours must be satisfied during the normal semester, unless other arrangements are made. The strictness of this requirement is up to the waiver student supervisor.

Sending Church/Presbytery

A "Sending Church/Presbytery" is defined as one which has recommended the student for study at Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and of which the student is a member in good standing. If a waiver student chooses, he may, while in residence at the Seminary and with his sending church's approval, transfer his membership to a local congregation while retaining his waiver status during the duration of his studies.

Payment Method & Timing

The Seminary prefers that waiver churches/presbyteries break up their annual support into monthly or quarterly installments, paid by check or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) coordinated with the Seminary's Business Office. However, waiver churches/presbyteries may give by credit card or online at www.gpts.edu. Waiver churches/presbyteries may give the full amount of their support on an annual basis as well.