



## **Elder Ordination Procedure**

1. Local church asks permission from the English Presbytery to elect elders.
2. Upon approval by the English Presbytery, the local church holds elections within three months of the Presbytery's approval.
3. Upon the successful election of elder candidate(s), the local church submits either Session or congregational meeting minutes showing the election results.

[Steps 4 and 5 can occur simultaneously]

4. Elder candidate takes exams on the Bible (Old Testament and New Testament), KPCA Constitution, and Creed administered by the English Presbytery. The Regional Committee Chair proctors the exams.
5. Elder candidate undergoes training provided by his/her local church.
6. Upon the successful completion of the exams and training, the English Presbytery's Candidates and Credential Committee interviews the elder candidate.
7. Upon the Candidates and Credential Committee's approval, the English Presbytery votes on the elder candidate.
8. Upon the English Presbytery's approval, the elder candidate is ordained at an ordination service.
  - Ordination service can be held at the elder candidates local church. Moderator or vice-moderator of the English Presbytery must be present.
  - Ordination service must be completed within three months of being approved by the English Presbytery.