Referral procedures for judicatory executives

How to refer a church leader for a ministerial health assessment

Process for making a referral
A ministerial health assessment requires a referral from you as the church leader’s judicatory executive (Bishop, District President, etc.). This is an outline of the process for making a referral:

1. Call John Martinson, director of Ministerial Health and Leadership Resources (MHLR), at 612-706-4558 to discuss your interest in referring one of your pastors/church leaders for a ministerial health assessment. This is an opportunity to outline concerns, express hopes and discuss the potential value of an assessment.

2. Ask the pastor/church leader to call John to discuss the assessment and schedule a time. You also can direct the pastor/church leader to the MHLR website: www.fairview.org/MinisterialHealth.

3. Send a referral letter to John outlining your concerns and hopes. This letter assists in providing focus for the assessment and also documents your referral for insurance purposes.

Also send a copy of the referral letter to the pastor/church leader you have referred. It is important to the process that information exchanged remains open and transparent and the letter provides a starting point for our discussions with the pastor.

4. John will email you once he has talked with the pastor/church leader and a date has been set for the assessment.

5. John will email you again at the conclusion of the assessment to notify you that the assessment has been completed, to let you know when you might expect a copy of the assessment letter* and to offer to discuss the assessment letter for clarification, once you’ve had a chance to review the letter.

* Sharing of assessment summaries and recommendations requires written permission from the pastor/church leader and (if attending) that person’s spouse.

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