Presbytery of San Fernando Background Check Policy

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All persons applying for Inquirer, Candidate, Pastor, Commissioned Lay Pastor status or other minister membership in this presbytery, or who hold a position as an officer/leader in a related organization, must give consent to a check of the following: identity, background, references, character, past employment, education, adult criminal or police records, social media and motor vehicle records including those maintained by both public and private organizations and all public records for the purpose of confirming the information contained in their application documents which may be material to their qualifications for service and ministry within the Presbyterian Church (USA). A credit history may also be requested. This includes any follow-up/update checks as necessary. Any fees for these checks will be paid for by the person or organization making application.