

PIF Tips for Tentmakers

Pastors or Candidates for ministry interested in serving as tentmakers should complete a Personal Information Form (PIF) following “Instructions for Entering a PIF” while integrating the suggestions below.

Important Tips

Separate PIFs. If you are open to both installed and Tentmaking positions it may be to your advantage to complete two separate Part IIs of the PIF: one to be used for matching with installed positions, and the second to be used for matching with tentmaker positions. If you have already completed a PIF for installed positions you only need to complete a second Part II for tentmaker positions.

Positions You Would Consider. In “positions you would consider”, check “Pastor (Tentmaker/Part-time)”.

Training/Certification. There are a very limited number of training/certification options to choose from on the PIF. You should include in “Formal or Continuing Education” under PIF Part I, Step 3 of 4 any other relevant training and/or certification. If you have already completed Part I, you are able to edit Part I to include this information.

Work Experience You Have. This refers to the number of years of ordained ministry, not the number of years you have served as a tentmaker. Information about your experience as a tentmaker can be entered under Work Experience narrative section.

Narrative Section. The narrative section, particularly the section discussing leadership style and accomplishments, should be written to emphasize those characteristics and skills especially pertinent to serving as a tentmaker. Likewise, in the narrative section on church characteristics desired, you will want to indicate the type of tentmaking position in which you are interested including the type(s) of other employment you would be seeking in serving as a tentmaker.

Opportunity Search. Review frequently the “Pastor (Tentmaker)” listing on the Opportunity Search.