



# **Request for Recommendation to the Board of Ordained Ministry for Probationary Membership**

## **District Committee on Ordained Ministry**

To be submitted by the due date listed in the candidate's notice to interview letter

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- II. Personal information. Please answer the following questions briefly, concisely, and in double spaced, typed, manuscript form. Include the question before your answer. (All candidates will respond.)**
- Describe the most formative experiences of your Christian life.
  - What is your understanding of God's call to pastoral ministry in your life, and what do you understand the role of the church to be in relation to your call?
  - What has been and is the role of the church in your call?
  - How did your PPR and your Charge Conference respond to your request for recommendation for candidacy? (Reminder: we need for your file your written responses given to PPR about your faith and to John Wesley's historic questions ¶305 Book of Discipline. We also need charge conference minutes with ballot count and verification of the PPR ballot count recommending your candidacy.)
  - Describe your personal beliefs as a Christian.
  - How do you foresee your usefulness to Christ as clergy in the United Methodist Church?
  - Describe and evaluate your personal gifts for pastoral ministry.
  - How do you expect your personal relationships to affect your future pastoral ministry?
  - Describe your experience and understanding of infant baptism. Will you practice baptizing infants and children?
  - What is your understanding of the ministry of a deacon and the ministry of an elder in the United Methodist Church?
  - Do you believe God is calling you to the ministry of a Local Pastor, a deacon, or an elder? Why do you believe this?
  - Are you willing to sign the Disciplinary covenant statement indicating you dedicate yourself to the highest ideals of Christian life?

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- What is your understanding of the itinerant ministry? Are you willing to sign the Disciplinary covenant statement indicating you will itinerate? Please explain.
- What date did you take your psychological test, and what is your reaction to the test results? How do you feel you have changed since the test was taken?
- Have you ever been accused of sexual misconduct? If yes please explain.
- Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime? If yes please explain.

**III. Write a case report on an incident concerning a situation you have faced or might face as the pastor of the church where you are appointed. As you write the case report include a section for each of the following. (All candidates will respond.)**

- Examination of the incident.
- Biblical/theological reflections concerning the incident.
- Pastoral implications (How does this impact the person/congregation and their needs?)
- What is your response?

(You need to share this case study with your mentor at one of the required meetings. Give the short time before your meeting with the dCOM and the approaching deadline for returned materials you may choose to share this with your mentor afterwards.)

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please acknowledge, by email, your receipt of this notice.
- Keep one hard copy for your records and bring it to your interview.
- Send all forms in electronic copy directly to the Registrar of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry by the due date listed in the Candidate's Notice To Interview Letter.
- You will need to bring with you to the meeting with the district committee the additional following items:
  - 1.) Your **Certificate of Candidacy** – to be signed by the District Superintendent.
  - 2.) Your **Local Pastor's License** – to be signed by the District Superintendent.
  - 3.) The Annual Candidate Report form (attached to this email as form102.pdf)
- Your mentor will need to submit your **Mentor's Report**. It is your responsibility to contact your mentor and verify that this form is submitted by **the due date!**
- ***If any of the required documents are not submitted by the due date, your interview with the District Committee on Ordained Ministry will be cancelled and no action will be taken in regard to renewal or re-certification.***