

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
RECOMMENDATION OR RENEWAL FOR CANDIDACY  
FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY STUDIES**

by

Form I: The Charge Conference (§ 311.2b)

Let those who consider recommending persons for candidacy as ordained ministers in The United Methodist Church ask themselves the following questions which were first asked by John Wesley at the third conference of Methodist preachers in 1746. Since that time these questions have been the criteria by which prospective Methodist preachers have been judged.

1. Do they know God as a pardoning God? Have they the love of God abiding in them? Do they desire nothing but God? Are they holy in all manner of conversation?
2. Have they gifts, as well as grace, for the work? Have they a clear, sound understanding; a right judgment in the things of God; a just conception of salvation by faith? Do they speak justly, readily, clearly?
3. Have they fruit? Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by their preaching?

**RECOMMENDATION OF FIRST TIME CANDIDATE**

**OR**

**ANNUAL RENEWAL OF CONTINUING CANDIDATE**

Believing that \_\_\_\_\_ is a suitable candidate for and has promise for the ordained ministry and that he/she is called of God to further explore the duties and the responsibilities of this office, the Charge Conference of \_\_\_\_\_

recommends him/her for the Candidacy for Ordained Ministry studies. This action was taken by the Charge Conference in accordance with the provisions of the Discipline of The United Methodist Church. We understand that he/she as a baptized Christian is already in the general ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ and is inquiring into the appropriateness of his/her entering the status of ordained ministry.

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Signature of presiding Elder, District Superintendent, or Bishop

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The candidate should complete the following page.

Following the Charge Conference, the candidate must send a copy of this signed form and the personal information page to the Registrar of the District Committee of Ordained Ministry (dCOM)

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Present School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Single  Married  Widowed  Divorced

No. and Age of Children \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Record:**

High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Place \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_ Degree or credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_ Degree or credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

Seminary \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_ Degree or credit hours \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare my purpose to enter the Christian ministry in The United Methodist Church and apply for certification as a candidate for ministry.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_