



Declaration of Candidacy for Licensed or Ordained Ministry Charge Conference Recommendation

General Instructions:

- Date of Charge Conference approval must be within one (1) year prior to the date of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry Interview for Certification as a Candidate

Part I: Declaration of Candidacy for Licensed or Ordained Ministry

I hereby declare my candidacy for licensed or ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church and request the support and recommendation of the Charge Conference for certification as a candidate for:

_____ Order of Deacons _____ Order of Elders _____ License as Local Pastor

Signature of Declared Candidate

Date

Recommendation of Charge Conference (or equivalent body) for Candidacy

Let those who consider recommending persons for candidacy as licensed or 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.

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? (For the Elder and Local Pastor candidate...) Have any been truly convinced of sin and converted to God, and are believers edified by their preaching? (For the Deacon candidate...) Are others edified by their service?

Believing that _____ is called of God and is a suitable candidate for licensed or ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church, the Charge Conference of _____

_____ recommends him/her for ***certification as a candidate by the District Committee on Ordained Ministry***. In making this recommendation, we attest to the fact that the declared candidate has been a professing member in good standing of the United Methodist Church or a baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist ministry for at least one year, has graduated from an accredited high school or received a certificate of equivalency, and has ***received by written ballot a two-thirds vote of the charge conference***.

Authorized Elder, District Superintendent, or Bishop

Date

District

Presiding Elder, please submit this completed form and the completed S/PPRC Recommendation Form to the appropriate contact person for District Committee on Ordained Ministry. Please provide a copy of completed form to the candidate.