

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Declaration of Candidacy for Ordained Ministry

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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:

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

Believing that _____ is called of God and is a suitable candidate for 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 member or affiliate member of the church for at least two years, has graduated from an accredited high school or received a certificate of equivalence, and has received by written ballot a two-thirds vote of the charge conference.

Signature _____ Date _____
Authorized Elder, District Superintendent, or Bishop

Signature _____ Date _____
SPR Chair

_____ District of the Rocky Mountain Conference

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This *Declaration of Candidacy for Ordained Ministry*
should be sent to the District Committee on Ordained Ministry (listed below) along with:

1. Candidates completed psychological assessment
2. A written response demonstrating candidates understanding and expectation concerning:
 - a. The most formative experiences of your Christian life
 - b. God's call to ordained ministry and the role of the church in your call
 - c. Your year's experience in leadership in the congregation;
 - d. Your future usefulness as a minister in The United Methodist Church
 - e. Your personal beliefs as a Christian
 - f. Your personal gifts for ministry
 - g. How your personal relationships may affect your future ministry
 - h. Your understanding of the ministry of deacon and the ministry of the elder within The United Methodist Church and your call to the ministry of deacon or elder at this point in time
 - i. Any other information as may be required for determining gifts, evidence of God's grace, and call to ministry
 - j. For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness of the gospel, and in consideration of their influence as ministers, to make a complete dedication of themselves to the highest ideals of the Christian life as set forth in ¶301-399. To this end agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness, social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God.

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