



BEFORE January 1, 2012- any person already in the process will continue with the "old" process.

AFTER January 1, 2012- any person who enters the candidacy process must attend the annual candidacy summit which is held in August.

District Checklist (for its Candidates)

- The District Superintendent is contacted about a candidate.
 - Confirm that the person is a district Member of the United Methodist Church or baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist campus ministry or other United Methodist ministry setting for one (1) year.
 - The district superintendent assigns the candidate a "district liaison." (A district liaison is chosen and trained by the dCOM to orient a person in the candidacy process.)
 - Part of the orientation might include the reading of The Christian as Minister (recommended, not required) or other resources found on www.thecalltoministry.org.
- Apply to DS, in writing, for admission to candidacy program; include statement of call. The DS will enter the Candidate's name into the GBHEM website When entering a candidate for the first time, please enter David Scott as the mentor. (David Scott will assign mentors for the Candidacy Summit.) This is the official candidacy mentor.
 - After, the candidate will receive an email within 48 hours inviting them to the GBHEM website where they will complete an application/registration and submit \$75.00 candidacy registration fee to GBHEM.
 - After the Candidate is enrolled in GBHEM, they will receive Fulfilling God's Call. They begin work through this workbook at the Candidacy Summit with their mentor and peer group.
 - The district liaison/dCOM/DS will orient the candidate regarding the "Candidate Checklist"
 - Prepare the Candidate to attend the Candidacy Summit on January 17-19, 2014. (This will be held in Columbia, MO.)*
 - Candidate completes Missouri Conference enrollment (<http://www.moumethodist.org/events/detail/2583>) and sends \$125 payment to "Missouri Conference" to attend the Candidacy Summit.
- At the Candidacy summit, the candidate is assigned a mentor and peer group. At the Candidacy Summit, the candidate will:
 - Complete their psychological testing
 - Meet with their mentor and group of peers, have three meetings during the summit
 - Review DiSC profile (candidate will be emailed link to take DiSC before the summit by the conference office)
 - Attend workshops of their choice ie: Local Pastor, Elder or Deacon Track etc.
 - Worship and have discernment time
 - The group will work together for six months completing, Fulfilling God's Call by March.
- After approval by PPR committee, the candidate shall meet with a charge conference to recommend the candidate to the district committee on ordained ministry. (The candidate shall have graduated from as accredited high school or certificate of equivalency.)
- Throughout the process, the district liaison will assist the Candidate with the completion of their Candidacy Forms. The forms can be found on the Conference website, www.moumethodist.org, (under the Offices tab, Pastoral Excellence) or at www.calltoministry.org. Originals should be submitted by the Candidates to the District office.
 - Biographical Information Form (Form #102)
 - Candidate's disclosure form (Form #114), notarized
 - Waiver of access to personal file
 - Medical Report of Ministerial Candidate (Form #103)
 - Missouri Annual Conference BOM Screening Packet
 - Complete Personal and Professional references list (before psychological testing at the Summit)
 - Safe Sanctuary Certification (if serving a pastoral role)
- After the peer group work is complete, the Candidate returns to the full care of dCOM and district liaison.
- Possibility of certification at (Spring) dCOM meeting.
 - Written response to ministry questions in para.310. (The Book of Discipline 2012)
 - Candidate agrees to make a complete dedication of themselves to the highest ideals of the Christian life.
- Once a Candidate is approved for certification, please let Jenny Gragg at the Conference know so that Form 113 can be completed.

**If there are questions about someone attending the Candidacy Summit, contact Karen Hayden (karen.hayden@moumethodist.org)

- Continuing Candidacy for: **a Local Pastor**
 - Completed candidacy certification and licensing is assigned a clergy mentor ¶311
 - Annual recommendation by charge conference
 - Annual interview and approval by dCOM

- Annual report of satisfactory progress of studies and copy of transcripts from Course of Study

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- Certified candidate for minimum of (1) year, maximum twelve (12) years
- One (1) year in service ministry
- Completion of one-half the basic graduate theological studies to be eligible for commissioning.
- Health certificate completed by medical doctor
- Written and oral doctrinal exam and written autobiographical statement
- Interview and recommendation by three-fourths vote of dCOM
- Notarized statement certifying that the candidate has neither been accused in writing nor convicted of a felony, misdemeanor, or any incident of sexual misconduct of child abuse
- Interview and recommendation by the BOM
- Election to provisional membership by clergy session

Continuing Candidacy for: **Provisional Member** ¶313

- Annual recommendation by charge conference